

New Covenant in a Nutshell



“God is love.”

1 John 4:16.

*His nature, His law,
is love. It ever has been;
it ever will be.*

*“The high and lofty
One that inhabiteth
eternity,” whose “ways
are everlasting,”
changeth not.*

*With Him “is no
variableness, neither
shadow of turning.”
Isaiah 57:15; Habakkuk 3:6;
James 1:17.*

“Every manifestation of creative power is an expression of infinite love. The sovereignty of God involves fullness of blessing to all created beings. The psalmist says:

*‘Strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.
Righteousness and judgment are the foundation
of Thy throne:*

Mercy and truth go before Thy face.

*Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound:
They walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy
countenance.*

In Thy name do they rejoice all the day:

And in Thy righteousness are they exalted.

For Thou art the glory of their strength: . . .

*For our shield belongeth unto Jehovah,
And our king to the Holy One.’*

“The history of the great conflict between good and evil, from the time it first began in heaven to the final overthrow of rebellion and the total eradication of sin, is also a demonstration of God’s unchanging love.

“The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had an associate—a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. ‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.’ John 1:1, 2. Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father—one in nature, in character, in purpose—the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. . . .

“The Father wrought by His Son in the creation of all heavenly beings. “By Him were all things created, . . . whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him.” Colossians 1:16....

“The law of love being the foundation of the government of God, the happiness of all intelligent beings depends upon their perfect accord with its great principles of righteousness. God desires from all His creatures the service of love—service that springs from an appreciation of His character. He takes no pleasure in a forced obedience; and to all He grants freedom of will, that they may render Him voluntary service.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 33, 34.

“In heaven itself this law was broken. Sin originated in self-seeking. Lucifer, the covering cherub, desired to be first in heaven. He sought to gain control of heavenly beings, to draw them away from their Creator, and to win their homage to himself. Therefore he misrepresented God, attributing to Him the desire for self-exaltation. With his own evil characteristics he sought to invest the loving Creator. Thus he deceived angels. Thus he deceived men. He led them to doubt the word of God, and to distrust His goodness. Because God is a God of justice and terrible majesty, Satan caused them to look upon Him as severe and unforgiving. Thus he drew men to join him in rebellion

against God, and the night of woe settled down upon the world.” *Desire of Ages*, 21.

“The Son of God, heaven’s glorious Commander, was touched with pity for the fallen race. His heart was moved with infinite compassion as the woes of the lost world rose up before Him. But divine love had conceived a plan whereby man might be redeemed. The broken law of God demanded the life of the sinner. In all the universe there was but one who could, in behalf of man, satisfy its claims. Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, only one equal with God could make atonement for its transgression. None but Christ could redeem fallen man from the curse of the law and bring him again into harmony with Heaven. Christ would take upon Himself the guilt and shame of sin—sin so offensive to a holy God that it must separate the Father and His Son. Christ would reach to the depths of misery to rescue the ruined race.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 63.

Following is listed the foundation of the Christian faith which was made, instituted and carried out by the God of heaven of Whom it is said, “God so **loved** the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16.

Then follow the pillars, inseparable from this foundation. These truths comprise the “faith that works through love and purifies the soul.” These truths are the

“faith of Jesus” which the saints possess (Revelation 14:12) and that lead “unto eternal life.” Romans 5:21.

Foundation

The New Covenant

The Sanctuary of the New Covenant

(The New Covenant is God’s divine plan providing the means whereby fallen man may be rescued from the bondage and penalty of sin. The terms of the New Covenant are carried out in the sanctuary of the New Covenant in heaven.)

Pillars

Daniel 8:14 - Cleansing of the sanctuary

Daniel 7:9, 10, 13

Malachi 3:1-3

Matthew 22:1-14; 25:1-12

Revelation 3:7, 8; 10:1-7; 11:15-17;
14:6-12

God begins the restoration of the sanctuary in heaven, initially pure, holy, righteous, undefiled to its original state. It was defiled by the record of the sins of man, and is to be cleansed from those sins. Fallen man cooperates and is saved through the sanctifying truths of the New Covenant, or rejects this plan and is destroyed with the sin to which they cling.

Law of God

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 119:152

1 John 4:8, 16; Romans 13:10

Patriarchs and Prophets, 34, 303-309

God’s law is the basis of government for the whole universe, and the standard of character in the judgment.

Creation

Genesis chapters 1 & 2

Isaiah 45:18

Patriarchs and Prophets, 44 – 51

Displays the power of the One true God. This same Power is the One that can re-create His likeness in fallen man.

The Fall of Man

Genesis 3

Patriarchs and Prophets, 52 – 62

1 John 3:4

Revelation 20:12, 13

Job 14:4

Jeremiah 13:23

Isaiah 64:6

Exodus 31:13

Ezekial 20:12, 20

Rightly understood, this pillar speaks to the depth of the fall and man’s inability, of himself, to come “into harmony with the divine will” and proving the necessity for a Saviour.

The Non-immortality of the Wicked

Genesis 2:17 (Eternal death)

John 3:16

Malachi 4:1, 3

Great Controversy, 673, 674

Correctly understood, this pillar explains the consequences of sin (eternal death)

and delineates the beautiful truths of the mercy and love of God that will not plunge even the wicked into eternal agony. This pillar also protects from the current delusions of Spiritualism.

Atonement

John 3:16

Great Controversy, 483, 488 (Atoning sacrifice)

Hebrews 9:28; 10:12

Patriarchs and Prophets, 358 (Final atonement – blotting out of sin)

Isaiah 44:22

Acts 3:19

Great Controversy, 421–432, 479–491

Three Angels’ Messages

Revelation 14:6-12

Revelation 10:7

Amos 3:7

Early Writings, 256

Completed explanation of the “unfolding” truths of the New Covenant, and details regarding the destiny for those who accept and cooperate with God in the New Covenant as well as the destiny for those who neglect or reject His divine offer of mercy.

Results of the New Covenant

Great Controversy, 674.1, 3

“I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away.” Revelation 21:1. The fire that consumes the wicked purifies the

earth. Every trace of the curse is swept away. No eternally burning hell will keep before the ransomed the fearful consequences of sin.

“The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love.” *Great Controversy*, 674, 678



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