

Living in the Fullness of the New Covenant

Don't Just Read the Word: Live It and Demand Its Results

Introduction: Many Christians read the Bible but live as if its promises are for someone else. They tolerate lack, sickness, and spiritual defeat because they don't *truly understand or trust* the covenant they are under. This study reveals how believers can move from empty religion to victorious, covenant-based faith.

Key Scriptures for Study, Memorisation & Reflection:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge... (Hosea 4:6). Many are not destroyed because of the enemy, but because of ignorance of their rights and resources in Christ.

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises (Hebrews 8:6). Jesus didn't bring a lesser deal; the New Covenant is superior.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). Faith is not automatic. It is developed intentionally by taking the Word seriously.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves (James 1:22). Knowledge without action leads to deception—thinking we have faith when we don't.

“...whoever says to this mountain... does not doubt... but believes... he will have whatever he says... whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them (Mark 11:23–24). Active faith speaks, believes, and expects results.

The best illustration of this is the story of the man who saved for years to be able to buy a boat ticket to America. Once he had saved enough, he bought his ticket and boarded the ship. Since he didn't have any money left for food, he brought along some crackers and cheese. Every evening at mealtime, he would look into the dining room at the other passengers enjoying their food, then he would return to his cabin and eat his crackers

and cheese. The day the ship docked in New York harbour, a steward came to him and said, "Sir, have we offended you in any way? I noticed that you didn't eat any of your meals in our dining room." The man answered, "Oh, no! You see, I didn't have enough money for meals, so I ate in my room." Then the steward said, "But sir, your meals were included in the ticket!" There is so much included in your right-standing with God, which was provided through Christ Jesus. Let's take a look at a short list of your rights. This is by no means an exhaustive list, so check the Word whenever you have a need or desire!

You have a right to approach the throne of God to pray

You have a right to a healthy body and mind

You have a right to prosper on the Earth in all things:

- To have a home

- To have more than enough to prosper and share with the poor and promote the gospel

- To bear children

- To have healthy and positive relationships

You have a right to be free of all fear and have total peace

You have a right to use the Name of Jesus

You have a right to take authority over the devil

You have a right to expect good things in this life

You have a right to live long on the Earth.

2. Stake your claim

Once you know your rights, you can now stake your claim and put a demand for those rights. Now, you're not demanding them from God, He already provided them for you. You're demanding that whatever is preventing you changes so that these situations change for your benefit. How?

Go to the Word, find the scriptures that outline your right in the area you are seeking. Then, you take a stand. If you are believing to be debt free, for example, you can say this: Father, in the Name of Jesus, your Word says that I am the head and not the tail, above and not beneath (Deuteronomy 28:13). You said You give Your children good and perfect gifts from above (James 1:17), and You take pleasure in the prosperity of Your servants (Psalm 35:27). So, right now, in the Name of Jesus, I declare that I am debt free. I speak to the mountain of debt and command it to move in Jesus' Name! Whatever force that has been in the way, be it natural or demonic, I tell you now to release what is rightfully mine in the Name of Jesus! You will not steal from me, you have no authority in my life; now go!

3. Expect to receive it

You then need to stand, not just for a minute or a month—but for as long as it takes. That’s how you claim your rights. I keep on the field until I win, it’s my ball, my bat and my Father is the judge. We don't stop, not swayed by emotions, we keep on in faith and we win.

4. Thank God as you enjoy it

Thank God before it manifests; thank Him after it manifests. There is a faith in thanksgiving that seals your rights in place. So, thank God after you stake your claim. Let Him know you are expecting it to come to pass. Keep praising and keep thanking then, when you get your answer, give God the glory. Then, thank Him and praise Him some more!

When you take the time to stand for your rights by knowing what they are, staking your claim, expecting results and thanking God, you’ll be the victor in the supernatural courts of Heaven and Earth. When you do, righteousness will become an active, powerful force in your life!

Illustration 2: The Bank Account You Never Knew You Had

Imagine a person living on the street, cold and hungry, not realising that they had a million-dollar inheritance waiting for them in a bank. Every day they beg, suffer, and struggle—not because the money isn't real or available, but because they never checked the will and never accessed the account. This is how many Christians live. The New Covenant is a divine will—a legally binding document that gives you access to healing, provision, power, and authority. But if you don’t open the Word, study it, and act on it, the benefits stay dormant.

So in conclusion, challenge your unbelief. Unbelief is the way of the crowd, the easy way, the carnal way, the way that is devoid of faith. Every time you’re tempted to settle for less, ask, “What does the Word say?” and then despite how you feel, decide to act accordingly.

Multiple Choice Quiz

1. According to Hebrews 8:6, what is a key characteristic of the New Covenant?

- A) It replaces the Ten Commandments entirely
- B) It is based on human obedience

- C) It is built on better promises and a better ministry
- D) It abolishes the need for faith

2. What does James 1:22 warn believers about?

- A) Associating with unbelievers
- B) Reading Scripture without memorizing it
- C) Being hearers of the Word but not doers, leading to self-deception
- D) Not attending church services regularly

3. What hinders many Christians from walking in spiritual power, according to Hosea 4:6?

- A) Prayerlessness
- B) Lack of worship
- C) Lack of knowledge
- D) Demonic oppression

4. In the illustration about the bank account, what does the “inheritance” represent?

- A) Salvation only
- B) Financial prosperity
- C) The resources and promises of the New Covenant
- D) A future reward in heaven

5. What is the primary way faith is developed according to Romans 10:17?

- A) Prayer and fasting
- B) Worship and service
- C) Giving and sacrifice
- D) Hearing the Word of God