

***Faith from the Inside Out***  
***Jeremiah 31:31-34 & Luke 22:14-20***

Although English Bibles refer to the two parts of the Bible as the Old and New \_\_\_\_\_, a more accurate and helpful term would be the Old and New \_\_\_\_\_.

In Jer. 31:31-34, God acknowledged that the covenant He had made with Israel through Moses was not intended to be a \_\_\_\_\_ one. He pointed forward to a new covenant that would be different and \_\_\_\_\_ than the old one. At the Lord's Supper, Jesus made clear that His \_\_\_\_\_ would serve as the establishment of the new covenant God promised through Jeremiah.

Jeremiah compared the old covenant with the new. Unlike the old, the new covenant in Christ operates from the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus challenged the religious leaders of His day, the scribes and the Pharisees, about this. He distinguished between a covenant relationship with God based on external \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ rather than one centered on the \_\_\_\_\_.

To enter and maintain a right relationship with God, we don't just need to adopt a new set of external \_\_\_\_\_. We need a complete \_\_\_\_\_ of our hearts—our inner being. This necessary inner transformation comes when a person \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' shed blood to establish a covenant between themselves and God, and God sends His promised \_\_\_\_\_ to indwell us, teach and guide us, and make us new.

In the Old Covenant, God sought a heart change, not just an external change. The problem was with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Christians, too, can fall into the same patterns of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of which the religious leaders of Jesus' day were guilty and not letting the Spirit of God work His \_\_\_\_\_ with our hearts.

Where is your focus? Is it on keeping external rules or \_\_\_\_\_ your heart to God's Spirit to be made like Him? God wants our hearts to be transformed by His Spirit into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ whose forgiveness and grace we have received.