

*"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established with better promises" (Hebrews 8:6).*

1. Within a better covenant  
God's people now abide,  
Built on the finished work of Christ  
Accomplished and applied.  
From ev'ry nation, tribe, and tongue  
The Spirit calls the bride,  
Uniting in this covenant  
Each one for whom Christ died.
2. All those within this covenant  
Are quickened and made new;  
From least to great, they know the Lord  
And trust His Word as true.  
The Spirit works and writes God's Law  
Upon each heart and mind,  
That each will turn and flee to Christ,  
His grace and mercy find.
3. For unto Moses, Jesus gave  
His Law on Sinai's hill;  
The Law that one day He would come  
To perfectly fulfill.  
God's Law fulfilled in Jesus Christ!  
Is holy, good, and right;  
What once condemned us for our sin  
Is now made our delight.
4. The Spirit seals the covenant  
With each He sets apart;  
A circumcision not of flesh,  
But of the conquer'd heart.  
For it is not by flesh and blood,  
Nor by the will of man,  
That Christ now builds and keeps His church  
And causes it to stand.
5. The covenants that came before  
Did then prepare the way,  
As God progressively revealed  
The glories of Christ's day.  
The types and shadows of the old  
A foretaste did provide,  
But old has vanished now away  
As Christ is magnified!
6. In ceaseless service priests of old  
Brought offerings day by day,  
But blood of bulls and goats could not  
Take sin's dark guilt away.  
Behold, a better sacrifice,  
The spotless Lamb who died!  
Christ shed His blood once for all time  
To cleanse and save His bride.
7. God made provision in the Old,  
Its Temple, priests, and land;  
An earthly nation He raised up  
And strengthened by His hand.  
But earthly shadows now have past,  
Outshined with Christ in view,  
Proclaiming now unto the church:  
God's Kingdom is in you!
8. Behold, the temple of the New,  
Not made with bricks or stone,  
Is now the gathered hearts of all  
Whom Christ has called His own.  
The sacrifices of our lips  
We to this temple bring  
That Christ be praised as all in all,  
Our Prophet, Priest, and King.

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