

WITHIN A BETTER COVENANT

... He is Mediator of a better covenant, which was established with better promises. (Hebrews 8:6)

1. With - in a bet - ter cov - e - nant God's peo - ple now a - bide,
 2. All those with - in this cov - e - nant Are quick - ened and made new;
 3. For un - to Mo - ses, Je - sus gave His Law on Si - nai's hill;
 4. The Spi - rit seals the cov - e - nant With each He sets a - part;

Built on the fin - ished work of Christ, Ac - com - plished and ap - plied.
 From least to great, they know the Lord And trust His Word as true.
 The Law that one day He would come To per - fect - ly ful - fill.
 A cir - cum - ci - sion not of flesh, But of the con - quer'd heart.

From ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue The Spir - it calls the bride,
 The Spir - it works and writes God's Law Up - on each heart and mind,
 God's Law ful - filled in Je - sus Christ Is ho - ly, good, and right;
 For it is not by flesh and blood, Nor by the will of man,

U - nit - ing in this cov - e - nant Each one for whom Christ died.
 That each will turn and flee to Christ, His grace and mer - cy find.
 What once con - demned us for our sin Is now made our de - light.
 That Christ now builds and keeps His church And caus - es it to stand.

Additional Verses

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 off'rings 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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