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3. The New Covenant

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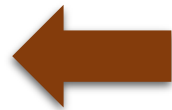
A preposition
meaning “out of”

ek + *klesia*

A derivative of the verb
kaleo meaning “to call”



Referring to a gathering
of citizens in Ephesus
(See Acts 19:32, 39, 41)



An assembly of
people “called out”



Referring to people
redeemed by Christ
(See Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 1:22)

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A new creation

*“And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock **I will build My church,**
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*

(Matthew 16:18)

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“And I tell you, you are **Peter**,
and on **this rock I will build My church...**”

What the Lord was going to build was **ENTIRELY NEW!**

- His *ekklesia* would be Jews and Gentiles with **revelation of Christ**
- His *ekklesia* would be built by the proclamation of **the Gospel**
- His *ekklesia* would be in the world but **not of the world**

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In the Scripture “covenant” does not imply a mutual understanding of two or more parties but refers primarily to an undertaking by one person.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, **not like the covenant that I made with their fathers** on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt...”

(Jeremiah 31:31-32)

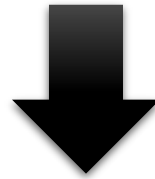


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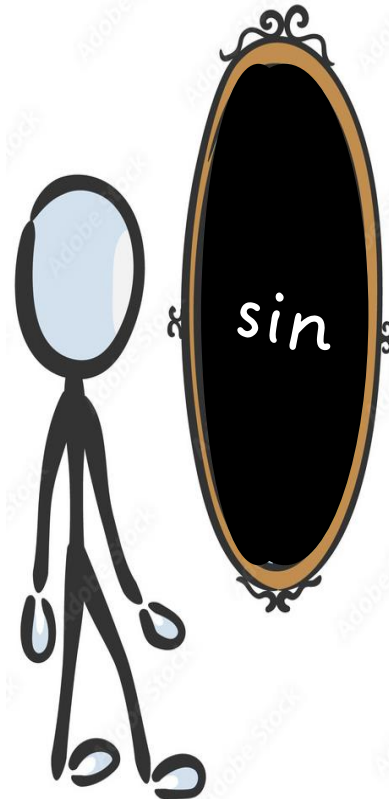
Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law,
that the person who **does the commandments** shall live by them.

(Romans 10:5)



By works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight,
since **through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

(Romans 3:20)



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I will make a new covenant...



“This is the covenant that I will make...

I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

And **I will be their God**, and they shall be My people.

And no longer shall each one teach his neighbour and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for **they shall all know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.

For I will forgive their iniquity, and **I will remember their sin no more.**”

(Jeremiah 31:33-34)

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I will make a new covenant...

1. How new is new?
2. Bridging the gap
3. Beyond the bridge

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What has been is what will be,
and what has been done
is what will be done,
and **there is nothing new under the sun.**

(Ecclesiastes 1:9)



Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, **I am doing a new thing;**
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

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My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways **My ways**, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are **My ways** higher than your ways
and **My thoughts** than your thoughts.

(Isaiah 55:8-9)

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The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God,
for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them
because they are spiritually discerned.

(1 Corinthians 2:14)

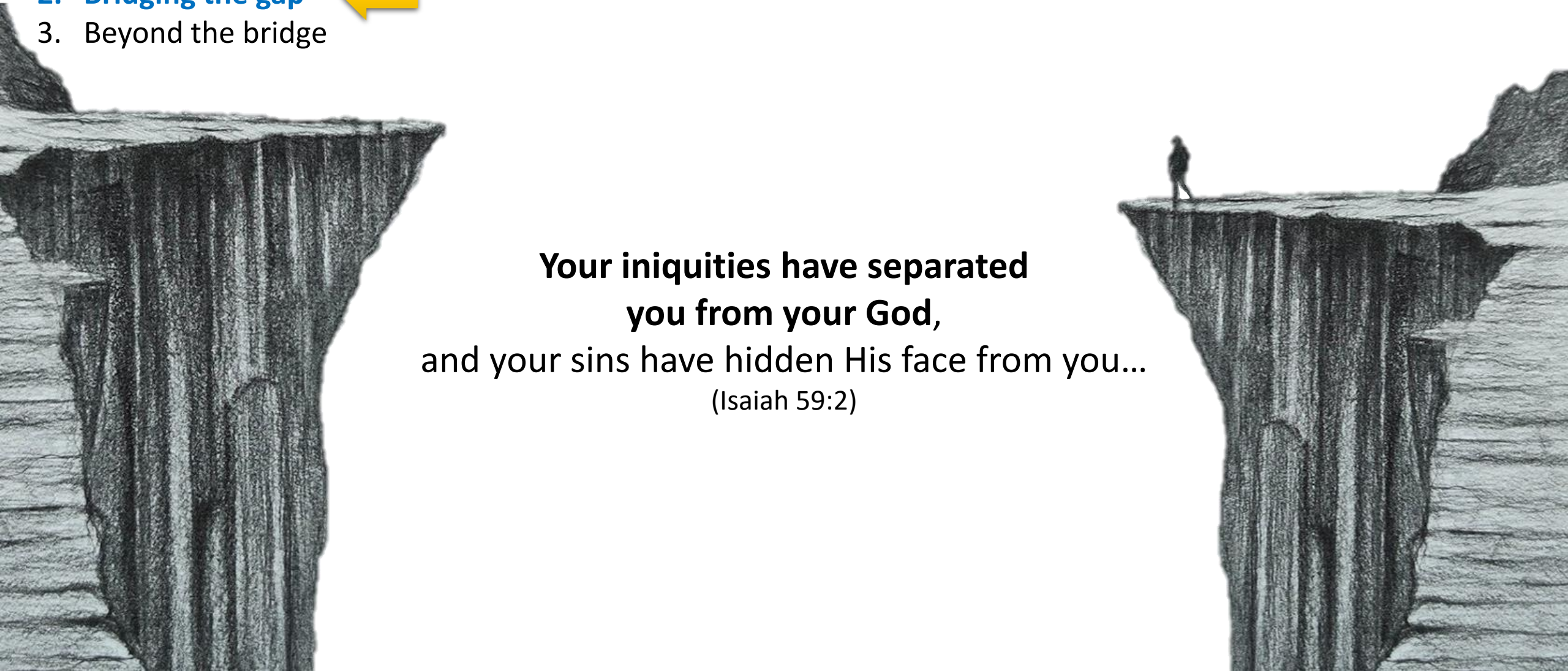


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**Your iniquities have separated
you from your God,
and your sins have hidden His face from you...**
(Isaiah 59:2)



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The mystery of the gospel

(Ephesians 6:19)

For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received:

that **Christ died for our sins**

in accordance with the Scriptures,

that **He was buried,**

that **He was raised on the third day**

in accordance with the Scriptures...

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)



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The mystery of the gospel

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The LORD has **laid on Him** the iniquity of us all.

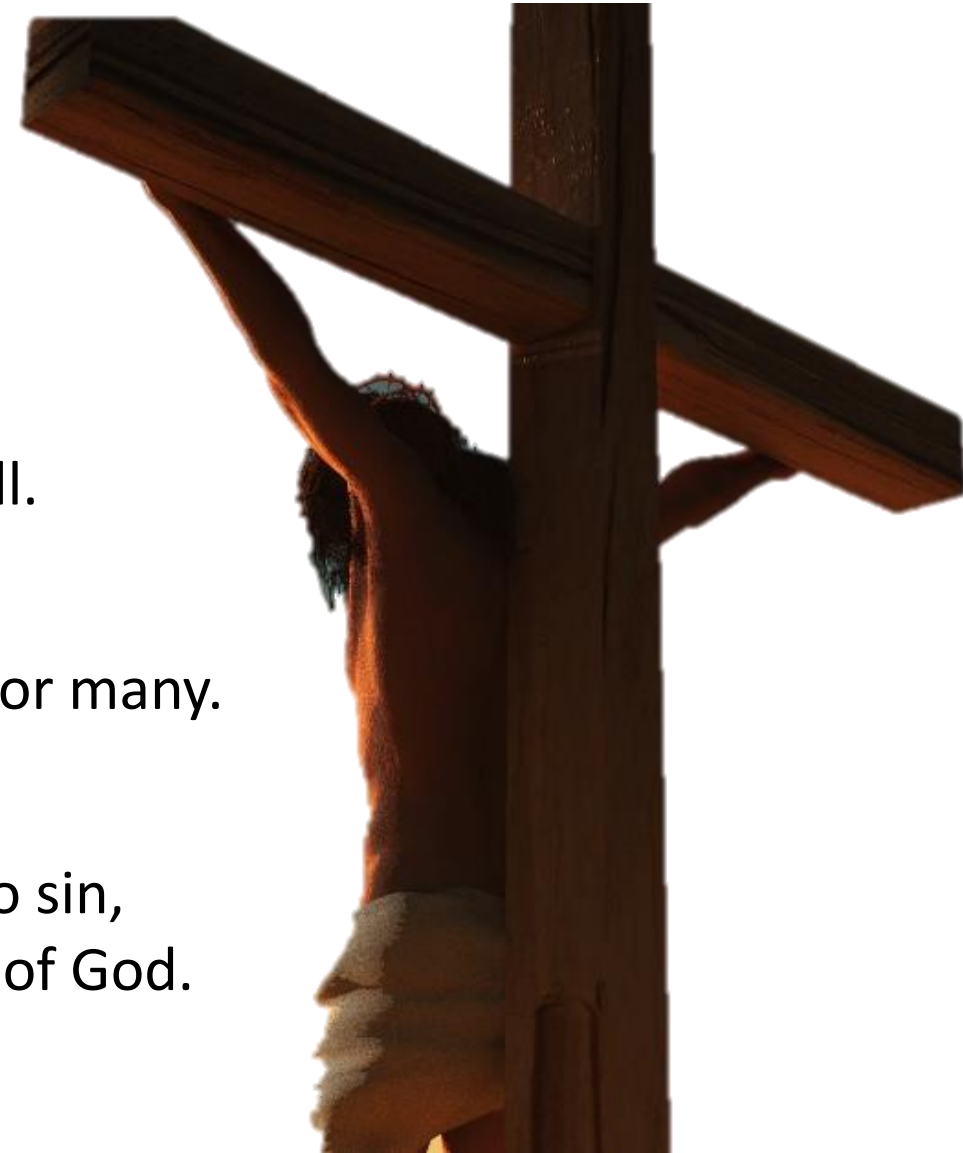
(Isaiah 53:6)

The Son of Man came ... to give His life as **a ransom** for many.

(Matthew 20:28)

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that **in Him** we might become the righteousness of God.

(2 Corinthians 5:21)



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I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to Me shall not hunger,
and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.

(John 6:35)

I am the living bread which came down from heaven.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;
and the bread that I shall give is My flesh,
which I shall give for the life of the world.

(John 6:51)

Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood
abides in Me, and I in him.

As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me.

(John 6:56-57)

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I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you **forever**, even **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him.

You know Him, for He dwells with you and **will be in you**.

(John 14:16-17)



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I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch **in Me** that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

(John 15:1-2,5)

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They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them in the truth. **Your word is truth.**

The glory that you have given Me I have given to them,
that they may be one even as We are one,
I in them and You in Me,
that they may become perfectly one,
so that the world may know that You sent Me
and **loved them even as You loved Me.**

(John 17:16-17, 22-23)

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As soon as Solomon finished his prayer,
fire came down from heaven
and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices,
and **the glory of the LORD filled the house.**

(2 Chronicles 7:1)

In Him you also are being built together
into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

(Ephesians 2:22)

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Paul's prayer:

...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you **the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation** in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know

- ✓ what is **the hope** to which He has called you,
 - ✓ what are the riches of **His glorious inheritance** in the saints, and
 - ✓ what is **the immeasurable greatness of His power** toward us who believe...
- (Ephesians 1:15-19)

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Paul's prayer:

...that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will
in all **spiritual wisdom and understanding**,

- ✓ so as **to walk worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing to Him:
- ✓ **bearing fruit** in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge of God**;
- ✓ being **strengthened** with all power, according to His glorious might,
for all endurance and patience with joy;
- ✓ **giving thanks** to the Father, who has qualified you to share
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

(Colossians 1:9-12)

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