

I. Slaves and Friends

- A. The goodness of the Old Covenant (Isaiah 41:8; 52:13-53:12; Romans 1:1; 1 Corinthians 4:1; Romans 3:1-2; John 1:17)
- B. The limitation of the Old Covenant (Isaiah 25:11)
- C. The glory of the New Covenant (Acts 13:38-39; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; James 2:23)

II. Blind Obedience and Thoughtful Submission

- A. Old Covenant: hints and shadows
- B. New Covenant: the looked-for reality (John 10:8, 11; 15:5; 9:5)
- C. Common to both: the authority of God (verses 16, 20)
- D. The heart God wants in us, he creates in us (Ezekiel 36:26; Mark 14:36; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6)

III. Friends of Christ, Friends in Christ

- A. "For freedom Christ has set us free!" (Galatians 5:1; 3 John 15)
- B. Watering the plant without destroying it
- C. How shall we then live?

IV. I Have Called You Friends

- A. Develop true friendships (John 5:19)
- B. Church leaders: communicate as you lead
- C. Husbands and wives: communicate with one another
- D. The possibility of friendship (Ephesians 4:32)
- E. The basis of friendship (John 3:16)