

**New Covenant Recovery Ministry**  
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Introduction

*O.T. expression:* Prov. 31:1-9 Maternal wisdom

"The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him:  
What, my son? And what, son of my womb? And what, son of my vows?  
Do not give your strength to women, Nor your ways to that which destroys kings.  
It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink;  
Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted.  
Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to those who are bitter of heart.  
Let him drink and forget his poverty, And remember his misery no more.  
Open your mouth for the speechless, In the cause of all who are appointed to die.  
Open your mouth, judge righteously, And plead the cause of the poor and needy."

*N.T. expression:* Luke 4:18-19 Christ's mission (then and now)

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

*Contrasts\**

Secular programs deny the New Covenant  
Roman Catholic programs mix the covenants  
Liberal Christian programs overlook the New Covenant  
Evangelical Christian programs (hopefully) affirm the New Covenant

**A. Recovery ministry needs New Covenant *redemption* (not human merit)**

1. Redemption provided Rom. 3:18-24

"Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

2. Redemption received John 1:12,13

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Object lesson: Hand gesture

Application: Nature of saving faith: belief, trust, commitment

Testimonies:

Cross & Switchblade

[William Raws](#)

Prodigal son - Luke 15: 11-32

Are you in Christ?

## **B. Recovery needs New Covenant *sanctification* (not self-effort)**

1. We have a new dynamic (grace) - Titus 2:11-14; Phil. 2:13

2. We have a new identity - 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Pet. 2:9

3. We have a new source of power - Eph. 1:13; 4:30; 5:18

Summary:

Not just imitation, *participation*

"Being in order to do"

Object lesson - John 14:20 envelopes

[Testimony of Mike Quarles](#)

Is Christ in you? - Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27; 2 Cor. 3:17,18

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\*contrasts not mentioned at MNATC

Networking:

[XLproject.org](http://XLproject.org)

[LovethemtoLife.com](http://LovethemtoLife.com)

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