

Pictures of Jesus

# *The Messenger of the Covenant*



In the Bible we read about angels who acted as the messengers of God. Angels announced the great things God was about to do. Jesus Himself acted as the messenger of the new covenant of the forgiveness of sins that He Himself was about to create. The message from Jesus is more important than any angel's message.

**Malachi 3:1** | “Suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant whom you desire will come says the Lord Almighty.”

**Luke 22:19** | “Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them *(the apostles)* saying, ‘*This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.*’ In the same way, after the supper Jesus took the cup saying, ‘*This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is poured out for you.*’”

In the Bible there are two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. Another word for testament is covenant which means agreement.

In the Old Testament, God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments and made a covenant with them. If they followed the Ten Commandments, everything would be good but if they broke any of the commandments, they would be punished severely. God kept His part of the covenant but the Israelites did not.

In the New Testament, God gave all of us His Son Jesus to keep all of the Ten Commandments for us. After living without ever sinning, Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment all of us deserve. Because of what Jesus did for us, our sins are forgiven. Now, all we have to do to keep the new covenant is believe in Jesus as our Savior. This is the New Covenant the Bible passages above talk about.

Jesus preached about what He was going to do for all of us. Jesus was the messenger who told us about God's love and the forgiveness of sins He would earn for us. Jesus trained others

to continue the preaching of His message so that everyone would hear about our Savior.

After Jesus finished preaching about salvation, He gave His body and His blood to earn the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus did what we could not. Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament (covenant) and gave us a New Testament (covenant) in its place. Now, if we believe that Jesus is our Savior, we have peace with God and forgiveness of our sins. One day we will be in heaven with Jesus. What a wonderful message that is!

#### PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for the wonderful message of salvation You gave us. Thank You for giving Your body and Your blood to earn the forgiveness of our sins. Help us to never forget what You did for us. Help us to tell others Your message of salvation. Amen