

THE BIBLE and the CHURCH FATHERS

Lesson 5: The New Testament

Profiles of the Early Church: St. Didymus the Blind

Themes Covered

- The “new Testament” in the early Church
- “Covenant” and “Testament” in the Old Testament
- the New Covenant
- New Covenant Ministers
- New Covenant Sacrifice

Scripture in this lesson

- Exodus 24:4-11
- Jeremiah 31:31-33
- Luke 22:19-20
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-27
- Hebrews 9:11-25

Review Questions

1. When do we see the phrase “New Testament” being used to refer to the books of the Bibles written by Jesus’ disciples and St. Paul? What did the Christians mean when they spoke of the “New Testament” before then?
2. When the Bible was translated from Latin into English, what English Word was used for testament?
3. What 3 elements are present in Old Testament covenants? In the new Testament, what forms to these elements take?

Table Discussion Questions

1. Is there anything in this lesson that you have just heard for the first time?
2. How do we participate in the sacrifice of the New Covenant?

Memory Verse for this lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-32

- See, days are coming—oracle of the LORD—when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke my covenant, though I was their master—oracle of the LORD.

Prep for Lesson 6

- 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
- CCC 1359-1381