What's New?

1. Introduction

- Want a new life? Look at the Bible that talks a lot about "new"!
- Bible = \underline{Old} Testament & <u>New</u> Testament
- The simplest term to describe the word "testament" is <u>God's covenant</u> (arrangement, promise).
- The new covenant **<u>distinguishes</u>** Christianity from any other religion!
- Difference between Old Covenant and New Covenant (based on 2 Cor. 3 and Hebrews 8)
 - Old covenant = <u>Law of Moses</u>: "<u>Obey</u> the rules."
 - New covenant = <u>Grace of Jesus</u>: "<u>Believe</u> in Jesus."
 - Old covenant did not and does not work, <u>because</u> of people's <u>sins</u>.
 - New covenant works, <u>despite</u> people's <u>sins</u>.
 - Old covenant = **<u>External</u>** pressure: You are told to live right.
 - New covenant = <u>Internal</u> power: God's <u>Spirit</u> works within you to live right!
- 3. How to Receive God's Spirit (based on Luke 11:9-13)
 - God tells us to receive the Holy Spirit by <u>asking</u>.