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JESUS IS BETTER



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Hebrews 8:6-13

But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. ⁸ For he finds fault with them when he says: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

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⁹ not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. ¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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¹¹ And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

The New Covenant

1. What it is

2. What it gives

3. How to get it

1. The New Covenant: *what it is*

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What is a covenant?

- "A formal agreement with binding obligations"
- Think of a contract, treaty, adoption, etc.

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What is the new covenant?

- The new covenant is distinguished from the old
- The second covenant is different from the first

Old Covenant vs. New Covenant

Old

New

First (8:7,13)

Second (8:7; 10:9)

Moses (8:5)

Jesus (8:6; 9:15; 12:24)

Sinai (8:9; 12:18-20)

Cross (Luke 22:19-20)

Defective, Obsolete

Better, Established

(8:7-8, 13)

(8:6; 10:9)

Temporary (8:13)

Eternal (13:20)

1. The New Covenant: *what it is*

Application: How to read the Bible

- See the developing story in the Bible
- Read it from back to front
- Read the Old Testament in light of the New Testament
- Read about Abraham, Moses, and David in light of Jesus
- Start with Jesus in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

2. The New Covenant: *what it gives*

Hebrews 8:10-12

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A new heart (v. 10)

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2. The New Covenant: *what it gives*

A personal relationship with God (vv. 10b-11)

And I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹¹ And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

2. The New Covenant: *what it gives*

Forgiveness of all your sins (v. 12)

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3. The New Covenant: *how you get it*

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Jesus's death

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. (Luke 22:19-20)



The death of Christ brings assurance of forgiveness to all who place their trust in the Crucified. The cross is the Divine testimony that the sins of believers have been blotted out, forgotten, ended. Again, the death of Christ has passed the death sentence on sin. The intrusion of iniquity into an unsullied creation was met and stayed by the self-revealing act of God, who is holy and eternal love. And love, warring against sin, became red with passion and glorious in sacrifice.... Thus the dying of Jesus becomes the energy of a new life to all believe.

—David M. M'Intyre

3. The New Covenant: *how you get it*

Your faith (or trust)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16-17)



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