

“A GLORIOUS NEW COVENANT”

Series: “Better Than All The Rest”, Part 5 of 10
Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Hebrews 8:7-13

Big Idea: The New Covenant is vastly superior to the Old Covenant, in part, because God Himself comes into us to transform us from the inside out.

FIVE BIBLICAL COVENANTS:

1. The Noahic Covenant
2. The Abrahamic Covenant
3. The Mosaic Covenant
4. The Davidic Covenant
5. The New Covenant

“For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. 8 For finding fault with them, He says, “BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH; 9 NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD. 10 “FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM UPON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. 11 “AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, ‘KNOW THE LORD,’ FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM. 12 “FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.” 13 When He said, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.” -Hebrews 8:7-13 {NASV}

I. A BETTER MOTIVATION TO OBEY GOD.

It's internal not external.

“I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM UPON THEIR HEARTS.” -Hebrews 8:10b {NASV}

“And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” -Ezekiel 36:27

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” -Philippians 2:13

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II. A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

It's based on direct, experiential knowledge not just knowledge about God.

"Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence." 2 Peter 1:3 {NASV}

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." 2 Peter 3:18 {NASV}

"At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure." -Matthew 11:25-26

III. A BETTER REMEDY FOR SIN.

It's not just covering sin but actually forgiving it and releasing us from it.

Under the Old Covenant sin was never removed. It was only covered.

"And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins." Hebrews 10:11 {NASV}