

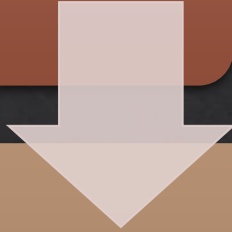
The New Covenant for the Church is **BETTER** Than the Old Covenant of Law (pt 2)

Scripture Reading:


Hebrews 8:1-13

INTRODUCTION

Paul is encouraging these Jewish Christians to let go of attempting to live their daily lives by observing the old covenant of Law, and to embrace the better covenant which provides ETERNAL LIFE for their daily living.



He demonstrated that Christ, as a better high priest, has therefore become a guarantee of a better covenant (than the covenant of Law) – Heb 7:20



Paul continues to reinforce his argument of “a better covenant” in Hebrews chapter 8.


A Summary of the Superiority of High Priestly Ministry of Christ (Hebrews 8:1-6)

- ◇ His High Priestly ministry is more excellent because:
 - ◇ He is seated, indicating that His sacrificial offering ministry is finished – vs 1, 7:27; cf I Jn 1-2
 - ◇ Where He is seated – vs 1; cf Jn 16:8,10
 - ◇ Christ returned to the 3rd heaven because His eternal righteousness was untarnished by His taking of our sins while on the cross
 - ◇ He ministers for us in the true heavenly tabernacle - vs 2
 - ◇ His ministry does not consist of offering temporal, annually-repeatable gifts and offerings - vs 3-4; cf 7:27
 - ◇ His ministry consists of mediating a better covenant – vs 6

The Superiority of the Better Covenant Which is Activated upon Better Promises (Heb 8:6b)

The promises of the 4th Abrahamic Covenant

- A singular “Seed” = Jesus Christ
- In whom ALL nations would be blessed –Gal 3:8-9, 27-29



Being placed into our position in Christ activated the provision of New Covenant for the Church: Eternal Life for the grace-believer

Israel's FUTURE New Covenant is Used to Show an OT Promise of Superiority to the Old Covenant of Law

- ◇ Hebrews 8:7-13 ESV
- ◇ ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second...
- ◇ 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.

CONCLUSION

- ◇ Three covenants are mentioned in Hebrews 8
 - ◇ the better covenant (the one for the Church, vs 6)
 - ◇ The Old Covenant of Law for Israel
 - ◇ The New Covenant of Law for Israel, vs 7
- ◇ Rom 10:20 – “I was found by them (the Gentiles) who were not looking for me...”
- ◇ Rom 11:5,7 – the remnant of Israel, who were elect by grace
- ◇ One body, the Church, made up of saved Jews and Gentiles, living by means of Eternal Life from the Better Covenant