A New Dispensation – The Commission

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A New Dispensation with Christ as High Priest - Hebrews 7-9

- Priests together with Jesus
- Hebrews 8:1 (NLT2) Here is the main point: We have a High Priest who sat down in the place of honor beside the throne of the majestic God in heaven.
- Ephesians 2:6 (NLT2) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.
    - Place of honor
    - Place of power
    - Place of priesthood
- 1 Peter 2:9 (NLT2) But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.
- The Commission - The result of your priesthood
    - Showing others the goodness of God
    - Revealing the path from darkness to light
    - Sharing the good news of the gospel

The Commission

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Mark 16:15-16
- Luke 24:47-49
- Acts 1:8

Our fearful responsibility (NASB – Knowing the fear of the Lord)

- 2 Corinthians 5:10-21
    - We will give an account to the Lord
    - Result of responsibility – work hard to persuade others
    - No longer live for selves (Rom. 12:1 – living sacrifices), live for Christ
    - Stop evaluating people from human point of view
    - Given the task of reconciling people to God
    - Given the wonderful message of reconciliation
    - God in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them
    - We are Christ's ambassadors – God is making his appeal through us
- Always Ready
- 1 Peter 3:13-16
    - If you suffer doing what is right – God will reward you for it
    - Always ready to share the reason for your Christian hope
    - Do this in a gentle and respectful way
        - Persuading others (2 Cor. 5:11)
    - People see the good life you live because you belong to Christ