



Main Scripture: Hebrews 8:6-9:14

## Better Promises

(Heb 8:6-7; Jer 31:33; Eph 1:3, 7, 13, 2:8-9, 18; Jn 1:12; 1 Jn 1:9; 1 Pet 1:4)

## Better Terms

(Jn 3:16; Eph 2:8-9; Heb 9:6-7, 11-12)

## Better Benefits

(Heb 8:12, 2:2, 9:9, 13-14)

## A Better Covenant | April 9 & 10, 2022

The Small Group Sermon Study

Hebrews 8:6-9:14

**Prayer:** *Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.*

### Icebreaker:

Are you the type of person who loves getting rid of something old when you buy something new? Perhaps you have clothes that are 25 years old hanging in your closet? Share with the group where you land when it comes to this. Feel free to give examples! 😊

**Read the key passages of Scripture from the sermon, then discuss the following:**

#### 1. **The Old Covenant vs the New Covenant.**

Pastor Rob lists three main things that stand out between these two covenants – *better promises, better terms and better benefits*. When you consider these things, what are some things you are grateful for in the New Covenant?

2. In **Better Promises** Pastor Rob contrasts the physical promises of the Old Covenant with the eternal promises of the New Covenant. Have you thought of these promises in this way before? How will this perspective shape how you approach your material possessions and perspectives on this life going forward?
3. In **Better Terms** Pastor Rob contrasts the difference between being saved by what we do versus being saved through belief in Jesus. Have you noticed any ways in your thinking in which being saved by what you do continues to influence your perspective on obedience? Do you obey from a heart of love and gratitude, or rather from a need to strive and earn?
4. In **Better Benefits** Pastor Rob talks about reconciliation – walking in total forgiveness and having a clear conscience because of what Jesus has done on the cross. For everyone who has a relationship with Jesus, our guilt has been taken away and God doesn't hold our sin against us anymore. When you think of Jesus, who bore the punishment for your sin, what thoughts or emotions come to the surface? Are there ways that functioning from this truth can increase in your life when you are reminded of past sins, or tempted to dwell on guilt and shame?

**Personal reflection:** *Pastor Rob made some excellent points on the superiority of Jesus in this message. Silently re-read the passage of Scripture from the sermon, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.*

Is there anything He wants to impress of your heart specifically in regard to the New Covenant? Take some time to thank him for this.

**Prayer:** *Spend time praying for one another and doing some intercession prayer for people in your life who are not-yet Christians. Maybe as you were thinking of whom you are praying for, you may want to take a step and invite them to Good Friday and the Easter services (April 15-17 weekend).*