



Sermon Title - A Better Covenant

Main Point - Jesus ushers in a new and better covenant - one that's no longer breakable - that secures for us the unfailing love of God.

Hebrews 8:1-2

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

Jesus is that Great High Priest we need who's accomplished our salvation and is seated at the right hand of God, where He, risen and alive, is actively applying his sacrifice right now (ministering) for us!

Hebrews 8:3-4

For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.

Hebrews 8:5

They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."

Colossians 2:17

These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Hebrews 10:1

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

Hebrews 8:6

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.

Hebrews 8:7

For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

Hebrews 8:8-9

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,

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.

Jeremiah 31:32

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, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

**We needed a different relationship. A better agreement. A New Covenant.
The New Covenant is really the original covenant - it's been God's rescue plan all
along!**

Hebrews 8:10-12

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.

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.

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more."

Why the New Covenant is far better:

- #1 - Global in its Scope**
- #2 - Unconditional in its Basis**
- #3 - Inward in its Nature**
- #4 - Merciful in its Means**
- #5 - Effective in its Result**
- #6 - Reconciling in its Effect**
- #7 - Assured in its Accomplishment**
- #8 - Direct in its Application**
- #9 - Eternal in its Duration**

Ezekiel 36:26

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

2 Corinthians 5:14

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

Hebrews 8:13

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.

How to get in the New Covenant (be saved):

- 1 - Acknowledge your sin & dire need for God
- 2 - Call out to Jesus in faith for rescue
- 3 - Receive the benefits!

Galatians 3:1-3

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit

by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

#1 - Are you living for the copy or the real thing?

#2 - Bask in the New Covenant benefits - Jesus is Better!

Old Covenant (Mosaic Law)	New Covenant (Gospel)
Striving	Rest
Pressure	Peace
Anxiety	Security
Fear	Freedom
Distance	Nearness
Complaint	Gratitude
Anger	Compassion
Unhappiness	Joy
Envy	Contentment
Division	Unity
Despair	Hope
Legalism	Love