

Jesus is a BETTER RELATIONSHIP

Text: Hebrews 8:1 – 13

God PROMISED us a BETTER RELATIONSHIP with Him through JESUS:

Hebrews 8:6. See also: 2 Corinthians 3:6-11

- 1) **God DEFINES His RELATIONSHIPS with His people through COVENANTS:** Noahic (Gen. 9:9-17); Abrahamic (Pt. 1 – Gen. 15:18-21; Pt. 2 - 17:1-14); Davidic (2 Samuel 7:11-17; 2 Chronicles 7:18)
- 2) **Through MOSES, God made a COVENANT that He would BLESS His people as they OBEYED God's revealed LAW:** Exodus 24:7-8. See also: Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 11
- 3) **The OLD (LAW) COVENANT was GOOD:** Romans 7:12
 - a) **It SHOWS us what SIN IS:** Romans 3:20b. See also: Romans 7:7
 - b) **It SHOWS our NEED for a SAVIOR:** Galatians 3:24a
- 4) **The OLD (MOSAIC) COVENANT was FLAWED:** Hebrews 8:7
 - a) **Because it depended on the OBEDIENCE of inherently SINFUL PEOPLE:** Hebrews 8:9b
 - b) **Because it can't CHANGE or PERFECT us:** Hebrews 7:18–19a
- 5) **God PROMISED a NEW and DIFFERENT COVENANT (RELATIONSHIP):** Hebrews 8:8–9a. qtd Jer. 31:31-32. See also: Isaiah 54:10; Ezekiel 16:62

This NEW COVENANT RELATIONSHIP with God is BETTER because:

- 1) **God DELIGHTS in writing His LAW on CLEANSED, NEW, OBEDIENT, and FAITHFUL HEARTS:** Hebrews 8:10a. qtd Jeremiah 31:33a.
 - a) **God DELIGHTS in HEARTS that want to OBEY:** Psalm 51:6
 - b) **He CLEANSES our hearts of our SINS and IDOLATRIES:** Ezekiel 36:25
 - c) **He GIVES us NEW HEARTS that WANT to OBEY HIM:** Ezek 36:26
 - d) **He INDWELLS our new hearts so that we CAN be OBEDIENT:** Ezekiel 36:27
 - e) **He makes us RIGHTEOUSLY FEARFUL and FAITHFUL:** Jer. 32:40b
- 2) **God wants us to BELONG to and KNOW HIM:** Hebrews 8:10b–11 qtd Jer. 31:33b-34a
- 3) **God will NOT COUNT our SINS against US:** Heb. 8:12 qtd Jer. 31:34b
- 4) **God will NEVER again make another NEW or BETTER COVENANT:** Hebrews 8:13; Jeremiah 32:40a. See also: Jer.31:35-36, 50:4-5; Isaiah 55:3, 59:21, 61:1-9; Ezekiel 16:60, 37:26

WE can only have this NEW, BETTER COVENANT RELATIONSHIP with God because JESUS is a better HIGH PRIEST: Hebrews 8:1ab See: 1:3; 2:17; 3:1; 4:14-15; 5:5-6, 10; 6:20; 7:15-21, 26-28

- 1) **JESUS has a BETTER RELATIONSHIP with God because He is His SON:** Hebrews 8:4; Hebrews 7:28; Hebrews 7:22. See also:7:20-21
- 2) **JESUS MINISTERS in a BETTER PLACE than an earthly TEMPLE:** Hebrews 8:1bc-2, 5. qtd Ex. 25:40. See also: 9:11-12, 23-24; 10:1
 - **He's ALWAYS enacting the BENEFITS of the NEW COVENANT:** Hebrews 7:25
- 3) **Jesus has OFFERED a BETTER SACRIFICE:** Hebrews 8:3. See also: 10:9-12; Ephesians 5:2
 - a) **His pure blood PURIFIES, REDEEMS, & MEDIATES grace to us:** Hebrews 9:14-15. See also: 9:12, 12:22-24; Acts 20:28
 - b) **He OFFERS this NEW COVENANT RELATIONSHIP to US:** Matthew 26:27c-28
 - c) **He's INVITING us TO LIVE in HIS PRESENCE where we can find MERCY and GRACE in ALL of LIFE:** Hebrews 4:14ab, 16

Gospel In Life Group Questions

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?