

What is New and Better about the New Covenant?

1. The New Covenant is given through a better _____. (8:6)
2. The New Covenant is rooted in a better _____. (8:12)
3. The New Covenant is based upon better _____. (8:6)
 - The promise of a relationship with God that is _____. (8:10)
 - The promise of a relationship with God that is _____, and therefore, _____. (8:10)
 - The promise of a relationship with God that is _____. (8:11)

NEXT STEP: Applying God's Word this week.

This week, relish and rest in the 3 gracious promises of the New Covenant based on the full and final forgiveness accomplished by Jesus, identifying the ways you tend to perform and work in your relationship with God rather than trust.

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus, a Perfect Sacrifice* | Hebrews 9:1-14



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What is a covenant? Why was a new covenant needed? What's new and better about the New Covenant in Jesus? We all explore all these questions in Hebrews 8.

What is a Covenant?

A covenant is a _____.

3 things to know about Covenants across the Bible.

1. The covenants are _____, but all lead to _____.
2. The covenants are _____, but God is the _____.
3. The Old Covenant with Israel is _____, but _____ by the New Covenant with all who trust Jesus.

Why was a New Covenant Necessary?

1. The Old Covenant was _____ and _____. (8:7)
2. The Old Covenant was _____ and couldn't be _____. (8:8-9)



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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/growthgroups

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Take some time this week to share highs and lows from the week and how you're doing personally.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Hebrews 8 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? What did you learn? What did you feel?
2. What is a covenant? When Hebrews talks about the Old Covenant, which covenant and with whom was that covenant?
3. Look at Hebrews 7:22 and 8:6. What do these verses tell us has now happened in Jesus?

4. Why is Hebrews 8:12 so important for understanding the New Covenant? Why and how does the New Covenant rest upon this vital truth?
5. Without looking at the outline, look at Hebrews 8:10-12 and see if you can identify and explain the 3 promises that are new and better in the New Covenant?
6. Thinking about the NEXT STEP: The New Covenant is unconditional and based on sheer grace, but our hearts are so works/performance oriented! How do you tend to fall into a performance orientation in your relationship with God and what does that look like in your life? How hard is it for you to rest and relish in the grace of the New Covenant?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for those struggling through Covid. Pray for the elimination of Covid. Pray for God's mercy to be poured out in the midst of Covid.
- Spend some time together in prayer, relishing and resting in the gracious promises of the New Covenant and all that Jesus has accomplished for you.
- Pray for one another's needs.