
THE NEW COVENANT

HEBREWS 8:7-13

Lean In

1. What are qualities of your best friend and how did you get to know him/her?

Look Down

Read Hebrews 8:7-13

2. What was the old covenant and when was it given? See Deuteronomy 5:1-4, 22, 32-34.
 - a. What was the people's immediate response to this covenant? See Exodus 24:3; Deuteronomy 5:27.
 - b. How were they to keep the law according to Deut. 5:33?
 - c. What actions were they instructed to do to ensure they and their children obeyed the law? See Deut. 6:6-9
 - d. How long did it take before the Israelites broke the first commandment? See Deut. 9:7-13
3. What is the new Covenant and when was it given? See Luke 22:20; Heb. 7:22-25
4. Why was the law given only to be replaced with a new covenant? See Heb. 7:18-19; Galatians 3:24;
5. How do we know it was not a change in God's mind but a means to a better covenant? See Jeremiah 31:33-34; Ezekiel 36:26-29a;
6. How is the new covenant different from the old one in the following areas?
 - a. Whose responsibility is it to keep the law in our hearts and mind? Compare Heb. 7:10-11 with Deut. 5:33
 - b. How are our sins dealt with? Compare Heb. 7:12a, 12b; Heb. 9:12 with Heb. 10:14
7. According to Philippians 2:13 and 2 Cor. 3:18, what promises guarantee our transformation into God's character? Who is doing the work in us?
8. Hebrews 8:11 says we will 'know God' which in this context means 'know Him experientially'. What is involved and what are some requirements to know God this way from the following verses?
 - a. John 14:21
 - b. Matt. 11:25

Look Out

9. Where have you seen a Christian still trying to follow the requirements of the law in the 'old' way and another who is living the promises of the law in God's divine power? What main differences do you notice in their behaviors?

Look In

10. Have you come to the point where you've seen the wrong and failures and depravity of your sinful nature? If you have, how have you dealt with it?
 - a. Increased guilt?
 - b. Repentance and renewed commitment to do better?

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- c. Repentance and Claiming God's promises and power to change you? Have you seen a transformation? Was it immediate or over time?
11. Does the new covenant take the pressure off you or does it increase the pressure to obey? Are you focused on the actions or on God's promises? Read John 8:31-32 and decide to believe and claim the Truth of God's word in your life.