

The New Covenant
Hebrews 8:6-13 (9/6/09 AM)

God's covenants are based upon His promises.

1. Jesus Christ Is the Mediator (6-7)

A Go Between

A mediator is someone who stands between two parties and represents each one, Hebrews 9:15.

• **He alone is both** _____

1 Timothy 2:5-6, "one Mediator between God and men"

Jesus Christ Is the Only Mediator that God Now _____

2. The Covenant Is Made with Israel (8-9, 11)

Revealed To Jeremiah the Prophet

The writer quotes Jeremiah 31:31-34.

• **The Church is** _____ **from Israel**

"Israel" and "Judah" are not general terms for the people of God. Believers today share in the blessings of the New Covenant through faith in Jesus Christ. However the promise of a redeemed Israel still stands.

(11) "...for all shall know Me..."

Rom 11:25-27, "And so all Israel will be saved"

When Jesus Returns the New Covenant Will Be Applied to the
_____ **Nation of Israel**

3. The Promises of the New Covenant (6-12)

"Better promises"

• **The promise of** _____

Six times in verse 8-12 God says "I will". At Mount Sinai the people promised "All the words which the Lord has said we will do." Exodus 24:3. They did not obey God's laws. Because of man's sinful nature he cannot obey

God's laws. God's law revealed to man his sinfulness, Galatians 3:19.

The Old Covenant was given to provide a temporary atonement of man's sin.

What Law Cannot Do Grace _____

• **The promise of** _____

God does this through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus taught about the coming of Spirit at the Last Supper,

John 16:13. He imparts a new nature that enables the believing sinner to obey God, Ezekiel 36:26-28, "I will

put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."

Under the Old Covenant obedience was primarily outward motivated by fear.

Obedience Now Is from the Heart and Motivated by _____

• **The promise of** _____

The law brought reminder of sins. Hebrews 10:4, "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins." The cross brings remission of sins. At the Last Supper in the upper room Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. Matthew 26:28, "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

God Promises to Never _____ a Believer's Sin against Him

- **The promise of present and _____**

When this epistle was written the Temple was still standing. The Jews did not accept Jesus so they did not believe that the Old Covenant was replaced by the New. In 70 AD the Romans ravished the city and destroyed the Temple.

Hosea 3:4-5, "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice...Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God." The New Covenant as we have seen involves the restoration of Israel. The word "new" has the idea of new

in quality. This covenant is of such a quality that it will never be replaced as the Old Covenant was. Jesus Christ the mediator is "the author of eternal salvation", Hebrews 9:15, "And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance."

The New Covenant Is an _____ Covenant