

**The Superiority of Christ
Jesus - A Better Covenant
Hebrews 8:6**

Introduction

For centuries, devout Jews operated under the Mosaic Covenant. But when Jesus came, they were told, first by John the Baptist and then by Jesus, that things were about to change. Even the disciples and then apostles began to perpetuate this doctrine of change. In their case, the apostles couldn't claim they didn't know this dramatic change was coming.

1. The Old Testament writers had prophesied that a time would come when a Newer _____ would be vastly superior to the Older Covenant.
2. One such prophet was _____.
3. The Hebrew writer uses this Old Testament text to prove that the New Covenant Jesus instituted is _____ than the Old Testament Abrahamic Covenant.
4. A covenant is an _____, usually between two parties.
5. In the ancient Near East, a covenant was validated by cutting or sealing an agreement in _____.
6. The covenant Moses brought down from the mount was written on stone _____.
7. God promised Israel _____ when the people kept His covenant and a curse when they disregarded it.
8. God made an _____ covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15.
9. The Abrahamic Covenant was an unconditional covenant that God confirmed with an _____.
10. Both the Abrahamic Covenant and the New Covenant in Christ consist of promises.
11. The New Covenant relies on a series of promises that God made to Israel and the _____.
12. The New Covenant _____ and replaces the old one.

13. New Covenant in Christ expands and adds to the Old Covenant promises even greater _____ and blessings that are also unconditional.

I. A Better Promise

14. The New Covenant is based upon a better _____ than the Old Covenant.

15. Jeremiah prophesied that there was hope for _____ after Israel's captivity if they would return to the Lord.

16. Israel and Judah would be restored and _____.

17. This promise of restoration was not based on the Old Mosaic Covenant but on the Abrahamic Covenant and, ultimately, the _____ Covenant.

18. Unconditional promises are always better than _____ ones!

19. Hebrews claims the New Covenant's superior promises are given only because the Old Covenant was _____ in some way.

20. If the Old Covenant is flawed, then it needs to be _____.

21. The fault of the Old Covenant is its inability to remove _____.

22. The New Covenant produces a change of _____ and is the work of the Holy Spirit.

23. The work of the Holy Spirit is an _____ work, changing our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh.

24. The Holy Spirit creates in us a love for God and a desire to _____ His commands.

25. "Knowing the Lord" is synonymous with _____ and a faith relationship with Christ.

26. Under the New Covenant, we are commissioned to the "_____ of all believers."

27. God's promises always involve a better _____!

II. A Better Relationship

28. That better future involves a better _____.
29. The Abrahamic Covenant is an unconditional and _____ covenant, and God sealed it with His oath.
30. The Mosaic Covenant was a _____ covenant and not confirmed by an oath.
31. The Old Covenant could not save the Israelites, no matter how great their _____.
32. The Law would only _____ them.
33. In our flesh, we are _____ to resist sin and achieve the kind of righteousness God requires.
34. Since the Law can't save us, God sent His Son, Jesus, with the gift of _____.
35. Jesus fulfills the Abrahamic Covenant and the New Covenant as the result of His work at _____.

III. A Better People

36. The New Covenant brings together a better _____.
37. If Jesus made the New Covenant with Israel and Judah, then the question is, "How, then, did _____ come to enjoy these blessings?"
38. Romans 9:6-9 gives us the answer, "For they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel, nor *are they* all children because they are the seed of _____.
39. The children of the promise are counted as the _____ of Abraham.
40. It was always God's goal to include not only Jews but Gentiles in his great plan of _____.
41. We live now in what is often called the "_____ of the Gentiles." More Gentiles than Jews have expressed faith in Jesus Christ as God's Messiah.

42. When the "times of the Gentiles" comes to an end, God will return His focus to the Jews, and then many will come to faith in Jesus as the Promised _____.

Conclusion

43. The New Covenant agrees that we are _____ and that the Law cannot save us.

44. The Law does a wonderful job of revealing sin, but it cannot _____ the penalty or the presence of sin.

All of the world's religions tell you what you must DO to get to Heaven. Theirs is a religion of works. But Christianity is the one religious faith that proclaims the work of salvation has already been done for you by Jesus Christ. It is not what we "do" that save us, but what Jesus Christ has "done" for us.

God begins from the inside, giving us a new heart, one that loves God and loves to keep His Word. And it is the Holy Spirit who enables us to do what we cannot do in our own strength.

ANSWERS

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| 1. Covenant | 25. Salvation |
| 2. Jeremiah | 26. Priesthood |
| 3. Better | 27. Future |
| 4. Agreement | 28. Relationship |
| 5. Blood | 29. Unchangeable |
| 6. Tablets | 30. Conditional |
| 7. Blessings | 31. Determination |
| 8. Unconditional | 32. Condemn |
| 9. Oath | 33. Powerless |
| 10. Promises | 34. Salvation |
| 11. Church | 35. Calvary |
| 12. Absorbes | 36. People |
| 13. Promises | 37. Gentiles |
| 14. Promise | 38. Abraham |
| 15. Restoration | 39. Seed |
| 16. Forgiven | 40. Redemption |
| 17. New | 41. Gentiles |
| 18. Conditional | 42. Messiah |
| 19. Flawed | 43. Sinners |
| 20. Replaced | 44. remove |
| 21. Sin | |
| 22. Heart | |
| 23. Inward | |
| 24. Obey | |