

## Conclusion

In the new covenant God is throwing open the doors of his treasure houses to everyone who has turned from their sins and believed in Jesus

## LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community. The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and community.*

- Why do you think the author of Hebrews has discussed Jesus' superior priesthood so extensively?
- In what ways do you need to be encouraged by Jesus' priestly ministry?
- Why is it important to understand what the fault in the old covenant was?
- Why are God's people tempted to still live as if they are under the old covenant?
- Do you tend toward self righteousness or crippling humiliation? How are you challenged or encouraged by how Jeremiah speaks about the old covenant in Jeremiah 31:31-34?
- What aspect of the new covenant stands out to you the most? Why?
- How do we know that the Old Testament is still beneficial for God's people even though the old covenant is obsolete?
- In what ways do you see yourself not appreciating the new covenant?
- What does it look like in your life to "soak in the blessings of the new covenant"?

In Every Way Jesus is Superior (Part 8)  
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Text: Hebrews 8:1-13

## Introduction

*In Every Way Jesus is Superior*

Failing Hindsight

"A covenant is a conditional agreement between two parties." Jonty Rhodes

## I. The Excellence of Christ's Ministry (8:1-6)

A. Jesus' ministry really is more excellent

*Hebrews 4:14-8:6*

"The condescension of the Son of God to undertake the office of the ministry on our behalf is unspeakable, and for ever to be admired...And we ought to undergo anything cheerfully for him who underwent this ministry for us." John Owen

B. The place Jesus carries out his ministry is more excellent than under the old covenant

*Hebrews 9*

C. The gifts and offerings Jesus provides are better than those under the old covenant

*Hebrews 10*

D. Jesus mediates a better covenant

*Hebrews 8*

Analogy Questions!

Tallahassee:Florida::\_\_\_\_\_ :Georgia

Levitical Priests:Jesus::Old Covenant:New Covenant

## II. The Fault of the Old Covenant (8:7-9)

A. The old covenant has fault

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The old covenant left God's people longing for another covenant, a better covenant, because as hard as they might try, they couldn't be faithful to what God expected of them.

B. The recipients of this letter's insistence on living under the old covenant is baffling

"Do you *really* want to go back to living under the old covenant?"

C. We have a hindsight problem as well

Self-righteousness or crippling humiliation?

## III. The Excellence of the New Covenant (8:1-13)

A. The history of the new covenant

B. God's unified people

C. God's laws written on hearts

D. Widespread access to the knowledge of God

E. Forgiveness of sins for God's people

F. The old covenant is obsolete