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Promises of the New Covenant, pt. 1

Jeremiah 31:31-40

We often use the phrase “New Covenant Christian.” Because we live on this side of the cross, we take for granted this is the way it has always been. However, it has not. Jeremiah 31 predicts a monumental change in the way God will interact with His people. God tells them everything they have known and understood in their lifetime, is going to change. This new way of interaction would cause shock and fear among God’s people. They would want to know, “Why change the covenant?” God in His steadfast love replaces the Old Covenant with a better covenant that contains better promises. We will examine four of the eight promises of the New Covenant.

Outline:

- I. The New Covenant promises a future.
- II. The New Covenant promises reconciliation.
- III. The New Covenant promises regeneration.
- IV. The New Covenant promises possession

Additional Verses:

Jeremiah 17:1

Matthew 5:18

Hosea 1:8-9; 2:21-23

Romans 5:10

Galatians 3:23-28

Titus 3:4-6

Study Questions:

1. How do you feel about change? Why is the New Covenant a radical change from the Old Covenant?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. Why are we tasked with the ministry of reconciliation? How do you perform that ministry in your life?
3. Describe the process of regeneration. How do you see the continual transformation of your life to be more like Jesus?
4. How do you demonstrate in your daily life the truth that you belong to God and God belongs to you?
5. Of these four promises, which speaks to you the most today? Why?
6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?