

The New Covenant

1. The Mosaic covenant was superceded by the new covenant. Jer. 31:31-34, Heb. 8:6-13
 - a. What is the old covenant referred to here?
 - b. What was wrong with the old covenant?
 - c. The new covenant is not merely a refurbished covenant. It is not a new administration of the same covenant of grace. It is different in substance. How are the covenants different?

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- i. The law as merely an external revelation had no power to bring about obedience.
 - ii. The new covenant does not make God's law irrelevant. Jesus did not abolish the law.
 - iii. In the old covenant God was a God to unbelieving Israel only in the sense of fulfilling the physical promises of land and offspring. But in the new covenant we *know* God.
 - iv. The basis of these other blessings is the forgiveness of sins.
 - d. How did God administer his grace to old covenant believers?
2. The arrival of the new covenant has important implications:
 - a. It defines the nature of the church.
 - b. It defines the character of our worship.