

**“JESUS, THE CHURCH’S HIGH PRIEST”**  
**HEBREWS 8:1-13**  
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**INTRO**

Who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant,  
not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills,  
but the Spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 3:6

- ◆ Jesus, the Church’s high priest, SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. (1)
- ◆ Jesus, the Church’s high priest, MINISTERS IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY AND TABERNACLE. (2-6)
  - 1. He serves in a unique ministry setting. (3-5)
  - 2. He serves as a unique mediator. (6)
- ◆ Jesus, the Church’s high priest, SERVES ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE NEW COVENANT. (7-12)
  - 1. The New Covenant still awaits enactment for Israel. (8)
  - 2. The Old Covenant did not effect spiritual change in Israel. (9)
  - 3. The New Covenant will effect the spiritual transformation of Israel. (10-12)
    - Israel will know and do the Law. (10a)
    - Israel will know and love God. (10b-11)
    - Israel will experience forgiveness. (12)

**LESSON #1** The New Covenant makes the Old Covenant obsolete. (13a)

**LESSON #2** There is nothing to go back to. Press on to maturity. (13b)

## The Promises of the New Covenant

1. regeneration with a new heart and a new nature (Jer. 31:33; 32:39-40; Ezek. 36:26)
2. forgiveness of sin (Jer. 31:34; Ezek. 36:25)
3. the indwelling Holy Spirit (Ezek. 36:27)
4. a universal knowledge of God (Jer. 31:34)
5. that Israel would obey God and have the right attitude toward Him forever (Jer. 32:39-40; Ezek. 36:27; 37:23-24)
6. many national blessings... God pledged
  - that His Spirit would never depart from them (Isa. 59:21),
  - that the nation would have a great reputation because of God's special blessing (Isa. 61:8-9),
  - that Israel would have a unique relationship with Him as His special people (Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 36:28),
  - that God would do them good (Jer. 32:40-42),
  - that wild beasts would be eliminated from their land (Ezek. 34:25, 28),
  - that Israel would enjoy complete security in its land (Ezek. 34:25-28),
  - that the nation would receive no more threats and insults from other nations (Ezek. 34:28-29),
  - that great abundance of food would eliminate famine (Ezek. 34:27, 29; 36:29-30),
  - that Israel's land would be so luxurious that it would have the reputation of being like the Garden of Eden (Ezek. 34:29; 36:34-35),
  - that rainfall would be controlled perfectly (Ezek. 34:26),
  - that Israel's cities would be rebuilt and inhabited (Ezek. 3 :33),
  - that the nation would enjoy a population explosion (Ezek. 36:37-38; 37:26),
  - that the nation would be completely unified (Ezek. 37:21-22),
  - that the people of Israel would live in their own land forever (Ezek. 37:25),
  - that once again God would have His sanctuary in Israel and would dwell in the midst of the nation forever (Ezek. 37:26-28), and
  - that God would never turn away from the people of Israel (Jer. 32:40).