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Our Faith
ews 8:1-13

Since the Bible says that all men have “a measure of faith” (Romans 12:3 - NKJV), hopefully this series of messages will help us build our faith on a more solid foundation. As we better understand Jesus Christ’s position as our High Priest ministering a “better covenant,” that knowledge allows us to grow in our faith, thereby enabling us to have confidence in Him with every aspect of our lives. It’s no wonder the Apostle Paul wrote “In Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

1. **Our Better Covenant - is ministered to us by a superior High Priest**
(Hebrews 8:1,2).

- This is the main thing... keeping the main thing the main thing (8:1).
- Christ’s moral position (8:1). This is referring back to Chapter 7:26, “for such a high priest was fitting for us,” referring to Christ’s sinless life.

2. **Our Better Covenant - is ministered to us from a superior place**
(Hebrews 8:3-5).

- Sacrifices had to be made in the sanctuary. Since Jesus is in Heaven... (8:3).
- Christ’s genealogical authority - God promised that the Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah, but the law stated that the priest must come from the tribe of Levi... (8:4).

3. **Our Better Covenant - is founded on better promises**
(Hebrews 8:6-13).

- The promise of great grace - unconditional forgiveness (8:7-9).
- The promise of internal change - instead of speaking only through priests, God is now speaking directly to His children (8:10-11).

NEXT WEEK: 8/12 • Hebrews - Growing in Our Faith
Pastor Robb Williams

Growth Group Notes

A BETTER COVENANT

Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today’s message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God’s Word.

GETTING STARTED:

1. What was said in the sermon that got your attention or raised a question or had an impact on your life?
2. What is one thing in this study of Hebrews that continues to challenge and shape your relationship with Christ?

DIGGING DEEPER (Read Hebrews 8:1-3):

3. How is the new covenant better than the old?
4. What is the most meaningful aspect of the new covenant for you these days?
5. How is your life within the new covenant different than it would be if you were without it?
6. Is there an area of your life in which you are still living as if the new covenant didn’t exist?
7. One aspect of the new covenant is that we have access to God’s presence. How do you experience that in your life today?

APPLICATION:

8. How can this better covenant shape how we think about our walk with God this week? (Verses 10-12)

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