

Forgotten (Hebrews 8:6-13)

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(6) But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. (7) For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. (8) For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, (9) not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. (10) For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (11) And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. (12) For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." (13) In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Practical Application

1. Jesus is the best minister. Let Him minister to you today and everyday.
2. When we follow the excellent one (Jesus Christ) we will become more and more excellent ourselves.
3. Jesus is our mediator/connector/bridge to know God as Father.
4. Enter into the New Covenant today if you have not already.
5. The Old Covenant isn't faultless, but the New Covenant is.
6. The Sinaitic/Mosaic/Old Covenant can't save and reconcile us to God.
7. The Sinaitic/Mosaic/Old Covenant shows us that we have a problem, that something is wrong, that we need a Savior.
8. True freedom does not come through the Law but through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. Reach out and grab the hand of God. He will lead you into the true Land of Promise.
10. The fault of the Old Covenant (Law) is because of our weakness, because to remain in it is dependent upon our obedience. We have all fallen short of its perfect standard.
11. The good thing about the New Covenant is that remaining in it is depends upon the love, power, and obedience of Christ.
12. New Covenant believers have God's law written in their minds.
13. New Covenant believers have God's law written on their hearts.
14. New Covenant believers know God personally and are known by God lovingly.
15. New Covenant believers know God as Father, Savior, comforter, and empowerer.
16. New Covenant believers experience the fullness of God's mercy.
17. The sins of New Covenant believers have been "forgotten" by God. He does not recall them or take them into account in the way He treats us. Others may remind you of your past failures to hold them against you, but Christ will not.
18. The New Covenant has fully replaced the Old Covenant.
19. Jesus is good. Jesus is better. Jesus is the best!

Announcements

- Hurricane Helene Donations: We want to give to those who are suffering from the effects of Hurricane Helene. We want to connect our giving to Christ and what He is doing in and through His church in North Carolina. Whatever is given today, this next week, and next Sunday will be matched by our church. Pray about what God may be leading you to give above your regular giving to this great need. We will be giving through: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>
- We would love for you to be a part of our worship team! Do you play keyboard, electric guitar, drums, bass, or some other instrument? If you would like to learn more about this opportunity you can talk with our Giorgio Fareira (Worship Director).
- Fall Festival, Sunday, October 20 (5pm-7). Would you like to be a part of serving or helping with this wonderful event? There will be live praise music, food, games, candy, and fun for the entire family.
- Children's Ministry Opportunities: We love the kids of Hope Mountain! Would you like to help them grow in their relationship with God, learn His Word, and learn to live it out? If so, we would like to talk to you about possibly serving on Sunday mornings! See Tiffany Vick (Children's Director).
- Our Wednesday night Awana Kid's programing and Adult Small Groups have started back 6:30-7:30. Dinner is provided from 6-6:30.