



Shelby Christian Church

CORE 52: GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD - NEW COVENANT

JEREMIAH 31:33-34, MATTHEW 3:11-16, LUKE 4:16-23, 22:20, 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20,
HEBREWS 9:14-15 * 10/19/2025

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JEREMIAH 31:33-34

What is God promising in this passage? What does it mean that God will put His law “in their minds and write it on their hearts”? What does “all will know me” imply about the personal relationship God desires with His people? How does God’s promise “to forgive sins and remember them no more,” relate to our experience of grace?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ MATTHEW 3:11-16

What does John the Baptist say about his own baptism and the one to come? How does John describe Jesus compared to himself? What is the difference between baptism with water and baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire? What does Jesus’ baptism teach about humility and identification with humanity? How does this event affirm Jesus’ role in God’s covenant plan?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ LUKE 4:16-23

Why does Jesus read from Isaiah 61, and what is its significance? What does “the Spirit of the Lord is on me” reveal about Jesus’ authority and mission? How does Jesus’ statement in verse 21 fulfill prophecy?

Why might the people have been surprised or skeptical about Jesus claiming this for Himself? What examples or indicators of Jesus’ work in establishing a new covenant do you see in the Matthew and Luke passages?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ LUKE 22:20

What is the significance of calling it the “new covenant”? How does this relate to Old Testament covenants (like the one with Israel)? Why does Jesus use the imagery of His blood being poured out? How does the new covenant affect our relationship with God?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

Why does Paul describe the body as a “temple of the Holy Spirit”? How does being “bought at a price” connect to Christ’s sacrifice? What does it mean to “honor God with your body”? How does this teaching relate to personal holiness and ethical living? How does recognizing the Spirit’s presence in us change the way we think about our actions and habits?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ HEBREWS 9:14-15

How does Christ’s sacrifice differ from the sacrifices under the first covenant?

What does it mean that Christ cleanses our consciences, not just our outward actions? Why is Christ called the mediator of the new covenant? How does His death act as a “ransom” for sins? What does this passage teach about the purpose and effect of the new covenant?

APPLICATION

Share a time in your life when you were in the deepest despair you have experienced. (If anyone is there now, have the group stop and pray for them). During that time, what gave you the greatest hope or strength to get through it?

Share your experience of the Spirit comforting you internally. Share your experience of him changing your desires and dreams?

If you were to share the advantages of being a Christian with a neighbor or colleague, what would you list? How would you brag about Jesus or the Spirit?

What was your understanding of the new covenant before this week's discussion?

PRAYER