

Hebrews 8:1-13 A New Covenant, Part 1

Intro: Most of us enjoy New things :

Guys if you are like me You like it when you come home from work & discover your wife.... New Dessert

A)That smell hits you when you walk in the door – she says try this and it is **hot & gooey** – right out of the oven / **melts in your mouth!** – Awesome

B)Like me you say *that is great give me some more* –
1)She says You can't have any more now you need to wait until after dinner /

C)Like me you say *Shine dinner lets just eat this /Kids yea – go dad!!!*

1) *Like me you sneak some more when she isn't looking*
New Desserts awesome – Mom's - desert

NEW FLAVOR AT STARBUCKS!

A)NEW SURF BOARD / NEW GADGETS / NEW APPS/ NEW OUTFIT/ NEW CAR- SMELL

B)NEW ADVENTURE – go someplace never been – new experience.

C)We like new things- But we can certainly live without any of those things!

**If my wife never made a new dessert I would live! J
Hard to imagine It, but I would survive.**

A)If Starbucks never had a new flavor – or God forbid – **went out of business you** – would LIVE – save some money – you would make it. { **GRAB hand**

B)If you never rode another surf board, never wore another new outfit – never went on another adventure – **YOU WOULD LIVE!**

C)Life might be a little boring – { But pp in most countries have been surviving without any of those things for **DECADES!**

1)We would make it – **NONE OF THOSE THINGS ARE NECESSARY FOR LIFE TO CONTINUE!**

But Jesus did something for us – that is TOTALLY NECESSARY – we can't live without it!

A) **NO WAY – NO HOW – He established a New COVENANT!**

B))That, my friends is the focus of Ch.8 – Hebrews

V.1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest,{WHAT KIND OF A HIGH PRIEST? {seen thus far

A)Compassionate High Priest: chapter 2:17

Crowned High Priest: King and Priest - chapter 7:1

B) **Continuing** - Ministry forever - never stops

C) Capable High Priest: v.16, - Ministry is after the power of endless life - constant flow - His life, His power

1) Last week 7:25 **Able to save completely** - something Aaron's priestly order could not do

D.) Consecrated Priest: As A man/ sinless, holy, blameless

We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 He is a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. 4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; 5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

So v.1-6 are sort of a recap of what the Writer has been telling us in chapters 5-7 Jesus is a Superior High Priest

A) He is a **Better Minister** { Seated because his work is done /

B) He ministers in **Better place** { **True temple in heaven not just the model** }

C) He offered a **Better sacrifice** { **once for all / AND He established a Better covenant** - based on **Better promises!**

V. 6B But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

Now a Covenant is a Contract or an Agreement between two parties

A) Several covenants that God made in the O.T.

1) Adamic covenant – Be fruitful and Multiply { Promised blessing

B) **Noahic Covenant** – Never flood

1) Abrahamic Covenant – great nation – savior { Israel and the Church – nation of faith

C) Davidic Covenant – A king forever

1) And the Big one - Old Covenant thru Moses

Now Jesus has established a NEW COVENANT – FAR EXCEEDS THE REST.

A) **This is the** greatest New thing that you will ever hear of/ ever experience

B) **The greatest New adventure that you will ever embark on** is an understanding & Experiencing / living in the New Covenant .

This makes Hebrews Ch. 8 one of the most exciting passages in all of the Bible : 3 WEEKS TO EXPLORE – {WE NEED TO GET THIS}

A)The writer is quoting in v.8-13 directly from Jeremiah 31:31-34

B)Where the Prophet Jeremiah foretold the Promise of a New Covenant that God was going to set up.

1)**Jeremiah 31 along with Ezekiel 36** are two of the most important passages in the OT

C)The Lord laid out this New Covenant that would be based on Better promises **RD V.7-13**

Why are the Promises in the N.C. better than the Promises in the O.C. ?

A)The Promises of the O.C. were conditional – The enjoyment of those Promises was based upon man's Performance

B) See Under Old Covenant - if man didn't perform right he not only would not be blessed - but he would be cursed!

1) the TERMS of this Cov are found in several places Rd on Deut 11:22

²²If you are careful to obey every command I am giving you to follow, and love the LORD your God, and do what he has told you to do, and are loyal to him, ²³then the LORD will force all those nations out of the land ahead of you, and you will take the land from nations that are bigger and stronger than you.....

²⁶See, today I am letting you choose a blessing or a curse. ²⁷You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today. ²⁸But you will be cursed if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God.

C) The thing we see about the terms of this Cov. Is there was a Condition

1) The Promise of Blessing was based upon man's obedience in keeping the Law of God / In Living according to the 10 Commandments

D)AND in the Book of Exodus that When God thundered from on top of Mt. Sinai in giving the Law to Israel, the people responded

1) *All that the Lord has said we will do/* But THEY Broke that 40 days later
2) Moses delayed his coming down – *Make us a Calf*

That was the Problem w/ the Old Covenant & the reason there was a Need for a New Cov. / Problem was Man couldn't keep it

Heb 8: ⁷For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. ⁸Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah

A)The First Cov. Was not Fautless or w/ out Fault – but the fault wasn't w/ God or what He established / it was w/ MAN/

B) The Problem was w/ MAN'S inability to hold up his end of the Bargain / to keep the O.C. / the Law

C) Now Paul tells us in the book of Galatians Ch.3:24 that the Purpose of the Law was to be a Tutor or a School master to drive us to Christ

1)The purpose of the Law was to point out our Short comings / Show us that we are sinners & in need of a Savior

But the Promises of the N.C. are not Conditional / they are unconditional/ NOT based on MY performance, but the performance of JESUS!

He performed perfectly

A)Everything He did; thought, said, was exactly what Father desired!

B) He met the conditions of the Old Covenant perfectly - then He died for ALL of us who couldn't meet it!

1)He paid for us the penalty of breaking the O.C.

C) He became a curse for US took OUR unrighteousness on Himself -transformed His righteousness to US

D) So New Covenant is better - because established on better promises. **Unconditional** - *not my ability to perform!* His Ability & Resources

The O.C. said Do - the N.C. says Done !!! believe in the work of Christ :

A)Put your **faith in** What He did / enjoy the Blessings of God that are available to you because of What Jesus has done

B) O.C. said Do this & Live / the N.C. says Live in Jesus & you will find yourself doing these things –

C) Now there are 3 key components to the N.C. – New heart / New Part /New Start /

D)Today I want to spend the rest of our time talking about this first component : New heart v.10

I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts;

Ezk 36 the Lord clarifies what He is doing in the N.C.

²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh {HARD /DEAD/ UNRESPONSIVE} and give you a heart of flesh. SOFT/ ALIVE/ RESPONSIVE

²⁷I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

There the Lord declares I am going to give you a New Heart – THIS IS HUGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!1

A) New Heart speaks of an Internal work!

B)The O.C. was external: the focus was on man's outward performance: **Sacrifices/ washings**

1) Keeping the Law

Bb.) But The outward sacrifices; & washings could not effect the inward!

Jeremiah 17:9 - *"The heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it!"*

C)Be surprised what heart is capable of :

Matthew 15:19 *"Out of the heart comes evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander"*

D.) Been rightly said that the Heart of man's problem is a heart problem!

1) Our Hearts are wicked – I am never surprised any more hear of something someone did .

But praise the Lord - He has the answer to OUR heart problem: He says I will give you a new heart!

**A.) Not clean up the heart but give you a new heart!/
Aa)The Heart is the core of who we are & that is where God starts on the Transformation work**

**B.) Heart transplant! – PETE V./ MIKE V gangs
"Can't picture THEM like that"**

1.)That's the Lord *NEW HEART*

But notice what else the Lord declared in Ezk. *Not only will I give you a New heart but I will place my spirit w/ in you & He will cause you to*

A)The Lord says that Part of this new work is that My spirit is going to live inside your heart – do a change in you

B) He is going to Empower you / so that what I am calling you to do you will want to do & He is going to enable you to do them

C) So With the newness of heart comes a change of desire thru God's spirit working w/ in us

1) God's word no longer written on tablets of stone but now written on our minds & In our hearts

D) The H.S. bringing conviction concerning the word in our hearts & empowering us to follow after it.

1) Paul put it this way in Phil 2:13 *God is working in you both to WILL & TO DO for His good Pleasure.*

A Scieintist was touring in the Amish Country of Penn. The Amish are people who love God very deeply / Very old fashioned in the way they live

A)No TV / no computers / no modern day appliances / no cars / everything is still in the horse & buggy stage

B) They live very simply & they talk in king James English / **thee's & thou's**

C) Well this particular Scientist was talking w/ this Amish man about the Amish man's belief in God

1) Do you really believe that there is a God ? / A. man answered Ye

Scientist said *Have you ever seen God ? Ne / Smelt God ? Ne / touched God ? Ne*

Well how can you believe that there is a God if you haven't seen / smelt / touched God How do you even know there is a God / Unscientific, illogical

*The A. man's answer was great : tellest thou me this / Preytell – Hast thou ever **seen** thy brain ? No / hast thou **Smelt** ... / **NO** / **touched** thy brain ? **NO***

Then how knowest thou that thou hast a BRAIN ?

How Knowest thou that God is real – New Cov. Like that great old Hymn put it :

I serve a risen savior He is in the world today, I know that He is living No matter what men may say I hear his voice of mercy I hear His voice of cheer and just the time I need Him He is always near.

He lives, He lives Christ Jesus lives today He walks w/ me & talks w/ me along life's narrow way. He lives He lives salvation to impart You ask me how I know He lives He lives w/ in my heart . The NC

A New heart – God' spirit in us to lead us / direct us & empower us

One of the things that we forget in looking at the early Church is that they didn't have the book of Acts to study / Epistles / gospels

A) But they were so impacting / why were they able to turn their world upside down / Reason: they understood the New Cov

B) That is the Lord speaking in their hearts by the H.S. / concerning what they should do and how they should act where they should go

1) They listened to the voice of the H.S. in their hearts & they obeyed

C) And when the writings of Paul/ Peter/ James / John began to circulate they merely confirmed what the H.S. was already speaking to their hearts

1) They would say *Yes that is exactly what the Lord has been showing us speaking to our hearts thru His Spirit*

D) So the Scriptures were confirming what the Spirit was already speaking to their hearts or if they were not hearing correctly / Scriptures would modify

1) OR – THE Scriptures would correct them where they were in ERROR

E) That is why the early Church was So Radically effective even though they didn't have the N.T. Scriptures

1) They listened to & obeyed the Leading of the Spirit – God's word written on their hearts

But over the yrs we have moved away from that example & have had the tendency to want to become more structured, more programmed

A) We have this tendency to become very principle oriented We want Patterns & **we turn the N.T. into A New Law to follow /**

B) In doing so **we miss out on the power/** Listen your Christian experience will be **lifeless/ unexciting** & uninspiring / even dead

1) if you don't understand the key to the N.C.

2) The Lord says I will write *my will upon your hearts* / My spirit will lead you

C) In many ways we have become a generation that likes to study & theorize & philosophize about the **“deep things of God”**

We love to read biographies about others being spirit lead & doing radical things

A) but we seldom give the Lord that chance to work in our own lives in that way.

B) If you are thinking this sounds dangerous – isn't this the way pp get off and all messed up?

1) Remember the HS is never going to ask you to do anything that contradicts Scripture.

F) Jesus teach it/ Model it/ Early Church- teach it/ model it / Apostle Paul? – Then probably shouldn't be doing it

So With that as my rule of thumb – there is something exciting about being open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in my life.

A) Remember Peter - **at the gate Beautiful – guy begging /**

B) Peter could have said *“well, Scripture does tell us to be kind to the poor but I don't have any money so I guess I am off the hook today / I have nothing to give this man”*

C) But Peter was in tune w/ the Spirit – Sensed the spirit moving in that situation / Peter turned to the man & said *Silver & goldrise & walk*

D) He followed the spirits leading & an awesome miracle was the result

1) I wonder how many radical things the Lord would like to do thru us if we listened & obeyed in that way?

Another Example MY Dad – Prior to conversion – Drank a lot . / Two refig. / one filled w/ booze

A) After my dad's conversion continued to drink – never drunk

B) One night Bible study *Tony you don't need that anymore*

C) Now he could have rationalized Well the Bible doesn't say to not drink / just says to not be drunk /

1) I don't get drunk anymore / drinking is not a sin!

He could have argued that Jesus drank wine / He could have debated that the **Germans drink beer like water / cultural thing** {Not the Lord

A)But He didn't do any of those things He just **LISTENED & OBEYED** that night – we emptied bottle after bottle of booze from Frig./ Cabinet

B)Filled up several trash cans w/ the Bottles and my Dad has never drank again since then

C) **In that moment of obedience He was filled w/ Power**

1)He will never know until He gets to heaven / how huge an impact that obedience had on my Life . Huge

D)Right then and there{10yrs old, I knew Jesus was Real/ transforms

But many Christians never hear the Lord speaking to their hearts in that way / not tuned into the voice of the spirit

A)Instead they try to make the N.T. into a program to follow like working out at the gym / Just follow ABC –everything Ok

B)You can be an **Authority on the Bible** able to argue doctrine w/ anyone / they can talk on all the pts of theology

1)And be as **dead & as dry as a bone in the desert/**
No life / No warmth / No touchability

In the NC Jesus says “I will place my spirit inside of you to lead you / cause you to walk in my ways to keep my statutes & do them.”

A)You need to learn to listen to what I am saying / follow where I am nudging Respond to how I am leading / do it daily

B) That is when your walk gets exciting / Listen to God's voice & allow the word to confirm to you what the spirit is saying / **fix a fence for your neighbor**

C)Call your wife today – tell her you love her/ get involved in Children's ministry/ go on that missions trip/ **start praying** for that person.

1)Take so and so to lunch and tell them what Jesus has done for you.

Listen the Churches in N.County would triple in size if believers simply listened to the voice of the H.S. in them nudging them to Share the gospel

A)Listened and obeyed when the Lord would say-share w/ that person / show some love to your neighbor / **spend some time w/ that co-worker**

B) We would be **amazed & blown away** at how many doors would be opened for us / how many lives we touched if we lived in that way

1)Churches could not contain..... pp being saved / there would be no need for Harvest crusades

If husbands & wives would just listen to what the H.S. is speaking to their hearts concerning their marriage

A) There would be a lot fewer divorces in the Church/ a lot less need for marriage counseling

B) The truth of the matter is most of us **Know the principles laid out in Scripture concerning marriage / we **Know the roles****

1) But where we struggle is we are not sure how it plays out in our situation specifically

C) How the Lord wants me to love my wife as Christ loved the Church in each situation .

1) That is where the H.S. comes in – He wants to lead us instruct us / speak to us / **Question is are we listening?**

D) Convinced that is why Eph. 5:18 Starts w/ Be continually being filled

If you are listening / tuned in & sensitive to the voice of the H.S. He will show how to minister to your kids

A) He will make you effective in talking to them

B) He will show you things about your kids that you need to be concerned about / things that need to be addressed / AND things that are not that big of deals

C) He will show you areas in your own life where you need to **REPENT of Areas that He is seeking to change**

C) The more we fail to listen to the voice of the H.S. in all of those areas the more distant His voice becomes

1) Inevitably what we do is **quench the work** that the H.S. is seeking to do in our lives / He is only able to take us so far.

D) Listen precious pp – don't make your TRINITY – God the father/ Son / and the Holy Bible- Bible study is Huge – HS speaks thru –

Learn to listen/ respond/ move to His leading in all areas!

A) Living in the NC – New Heart – God's spirit inside of you – speaking/ convicting / encouraging

B) Making sense of the Word – prompting you in love – exciting way to live – AMEN?

NOT SAVED – HEART IS HARD / DEAD – OPEN YOUR HEART TODAY.

WALKED AWAY – HEART HARD – HURT BITTER – GIVE HEART BACK TO GOD

PRAY