

Covenant & Kingdom
Week 16 - The Blessings of the New Covenant
Romans 8:1-4, 12-17, 28-30

- The New Covenant is Christ's inheritance for His obedience - it establishes the Kingdom of God under the dominion of Christ
- Blessings of the New Covenant
 - Primary blessing is being "in Christ" - union with Christ - Rom. 6:5, Gal. 2:20, 3:26-29, Eph. 2:4-7, Col. 1:13-14, 2:13-14
 - This is the thing that changes our covenant status before God
 - All other blessings flow from this reality
 - **Justification** - legal declaration of God that one is "not guilty" - positionally righteous
 - 2 Cor. 5:21, Col. 2:14, Gal. 3:10-15
 - Full forgiveness of sins on the basis of Christ's obedience - no works from us
 - **Regeneration** - given a new heart that loves and submits to God and is able to rest in Christ by faith (2 Cor. 5:17) - fulfillment of Jer. 31 and Ezk 36
 - **Sanctification** - The fruit of a regenerated heart becoming evident in a transformed life
 - God putting His law within us (Jer. 31) - desire to obey from the inside out
 - Jn. 14:23-24, Rom. 6:12-14, 12:1-2, Eph. 2:10, Ph. 2:12-13, Col. 3:12-14, 1 Jn. 3:6-10, 2 Pet. 1:3-8
 - Salvation does **not** depend on this
 - This is hard work - obedience takes discipline, effort, active denial of self
 - This is a covenant promise - everyone in the NC will be sanctified
 - No progress, no struggle against sin, no repentance indicates no covenant
 - **Adoption** - being made a son of God and so receiving a full inheritance in Christ
 - Jn. 1:12-13, Rom. 8:14-17, Heb. 12:7-8
 - **Perseverance** - assurance that those in the covenant will not be disinherited
 - Jn. 10:27-30, 17:10-11, Gal. 2:20-3:3, Rom. 8:31-39
 - **Resurrection & Glorification** - completion of our redemption into full Christlikeness
 - Rom. 8:29-30, 1 Cor. 15:47-53, 1 Jn. 3:2, Rev. 21:3
- **Federal Headship** - Christ is head of the NC, and only those in Him are covenant members
 - Rom. 5:17-19, 1 Cor. 15:21-22 - Adam or Christ will be the ultimate covenant head over every individual - will be deemed covenantally guilty or righteous according to representative
 - Heb. 7:22-25 - NC cannot fail because Christ is mediator and intercessor - His works are completed, His blessings are perfectly mediated, nothing can be added or revoked