

# FIRM FOUNDATION

UNSHAKABLE TRUTHS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

## #5 Covenant: God Promises

### Review:

**GOD HAS SPOKEN:** God revealed Himself through His Word, the Bible.

**GOD EXISTS:** The Bible reveals God to be a Triune Being Who is sovereign over all things.

**GOD CREATED:** God spoke the Universe into existence to display His Glory, and created Mankind to know Him.

**MAN REBELS:** Man's Sin separated Humanity from God.

**GOD PROMISED: Through A Series Of Covenants God Pledged To Deal With Man's Sin And Form A People For Himself.**

### COVENANT FACTS

**#1 When sin entered the world, God had already planned to deal with it and fulfill His purpose in the world by making and keeping a series of Covenant Promises**

**#2 There is an essential element and ultimate goal of all of God's Covenants: A SPECIAL PEOPLE**

**#3 The Bible reveals (at least) Five Covenants that God has established with Mankind**

**NOAH** and his family (*GENESIS 6:11-18; 9:11-13*)

**ABRAHAM** and his descendants (*GENESIS 12:1-3; 15; 17:1-8*)

**MOSES** and the Israelites (*EXODUS 34:10-14; 27-28*)

**DAVID** and the kingdom of Israel (*2 SAMUEL 7:16; PSALM 89:3*)

**THE NEW COVENANT!**

**#4 In the New Covenant, all the promises contained in the others find their ultimate and complete fulfillment**

A. The **NEW COVENANT** is often presented in contrast to "the Old Covenant"

**Jeremiah 31:31** "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> 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, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

B. The New Covenant revealed the full extent of God's **GRACE** in relation to mankind

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C. The New Covenant is **BETTER**

**Hebrews 8:6** But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises. <sup>7</sup>For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.... <sup>13</sup>By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

D. What makes it better is **JESUS!**

**Hebrews 9:15** Therefore HE is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

### BIBLE READING PLAN

- Sunday: Acts 9
- Monday: Acts 10
- Tuesday: Acts 11
- Wednesday: Acts 12

- Thursday: Acts 13
- Friday: Acts 14
- Saturday: Acts 15
- Sunday: Acts 16

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