



The Week of November 29, 2020
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Conversation Guide

Intro Questions

- Pastor David started off by talking about his commitment to his wife Pam has completely changed how he lives his life. Give an example of a relationship (spouse, parent-child, friendship, fiancée, etc.) that has changed how you live.
- Covenant relationships are a big deal in the Bible. How does a Covenant differ from a contract between two parties?
- How does Covenants relate to how our Bible is laid out into two sections: The Old & New Testaments?

Old Covenant

- Read Genesis 12:1-3 (CSB)

The Lord said to Abram: Go from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

 - What was God's covenant with Abraham?
- Read Exodus 19:5-6 (CSB)

Now if you will carefully listen to me and keep my covenant, you will be my own possession out of all the peoples, although the whole earth is mine, and you will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.' These are the words that you are to say to the Israelites."

 - What was the covenant between God and the people of Israel?

- Read Jeremiah 31:32

This one will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt—my covenant that they broke even though I am their master”—the Lord’s declaration.

- How’d Israel do?

New Covenant

- Read Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

- How did Jesus’s actions for us establish the New Covenant?
- Read 2 Corinthians 3:3 (CSB)
You show that you are Christ’s letter, delivered by us, not written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God—not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
- How is the Trinity (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) involved in your transformation and entering into the new covenant?

Old to New Foretold

- Read Jeremiah 31:31–34 (CSB)

“Look, the days are coming”—this is the Lord’s declaration—“when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. This one will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt—my covenant that they broke even though I am their master”—the Lord’s declaration. “Instead, this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days”—the Lord’s declaration. “I will put my teaching within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will one teach his neighbor or his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know me, from the least to the greatest of them”—this is the Lord’s declaration. “For I will forgive their iniquity and never again remember their sin.

- What is meaning of God’s teaching changing from being an external law that someone teaches you to being an internal guidance that comes from knowing God?
- What promise does the end of verse 34 give us as New Covenant adopters?
- The joy of parenting comes when your child not only obeys when you are present, but also when you are not because they have had a change of heart. How does this parallel how we relate to God?

- Read Jeremiah 24:7 (CSB)

I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God because they will return to me with all their heart.

- Does God want is good for me?
- Can I trust Him?
- How does getting to know God when I seek Him with all my heart, motivate me to fulfill His law that He has written in my heart?
- Have you invite Christ in to renew your life and write the covenant of God on your heart?

The Christmas Promise

- Read Hebrews 10:11-18 (NLT)

Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says, "This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he says, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds." And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

- How did Jesus give the ultimate solution to take away our sins for all time?
 - Not only did Jesus give us victory over the penalty of sin, but He also gives us everyday victory over sin as the Word and the Spirit transforms us into His likeness.
- How do we enter into the new covenant with God?
- How do we partner with God in being transformed?
- Read John 1:1-5, 10-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the

one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him and exclaimed, “This was the one of whom I said, ‘The one coming after me ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.’”) Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from his fullness, for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father’s side—he has revealed him.

- Although not the traditional Gospel for the Christmas story, John’s opening to his gospel reveals God’s incredible love for the world in sending His Son (The Word, the Light). What are the responses to God coming in flesh to redeem humanity?
- Who gave the law (old covenant) and who gave the grace and truth (new covenant)?

Action Steps

- Do you have a real, vital relationship with God the Father by making Jesus your Savior and Lord?
- If you are already a child of God through Christ, are you living in relationship with Him each day partnering with His Spirit to transform you?
- How can you actively share the Christmas promise that comes in the new covenant with family and friends this holiday season?