* The “superior covenant” that is referred to in this paragraph was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the prophet Jeremiah. (Jer. 31:31-34).
  + The promise was given in a prophecy that assured the Jews of future \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The new covenant was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus during the last supper.
* Jesus’s ministry was to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and then to the gentiles. (Rom. 1:16).
  + Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the new covenant.
* When Jesus began His ministry on earth, He went to His own people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 15:24)
* When He sent out His disciples, He sent them only to **Israel**. (Matt. 10:5-6)
* When He commissioned the church to witness, He instructed them to begin in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8)
* Peter’s message at Pentecost was addressed only to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to Gentiles who were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ proselytes. (Acts 2:14, 22, 36)
* In his second recorded sermon, Peter clearly stated that the good news of the gospel would go to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ first. (Acts 3:25-26)
* Many of the Jews rejected the message of truth and the messengers who carried it to them.
  + The gospel moved from Jerusalem, Judea, and into Samaria (Acts 8), and then to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 10)
* **Even though the new covenant of grace brings with it freedom from the law of Moses, it does not bring freedom to** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **God and to sin. (Gal. 5:1)**
  + God still desires that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the law required it is fulfilled by the completed work of Jesus not the religious acts of people.
  + The New covenant brings the promise of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 7-9)
  + The New covenant brings the promise of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ change. (vs. 10)
* The law of Moses could declare God’s holy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , but it could never provide the power needed for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Sinful people need a new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and this is just what the new covenant provides.
* When a sinner trusts Christ, he receives a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nature within. (2 Peter 1:1-4)
  + The New covenant brings the promise of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for all. (vs. 11-12)
* There is no forgiveness under the law because the law was not given for that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Old Testament sacrifices brought a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sins, not a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of sins. (Heb. 10:1-3, 18)
* The New covenant brings the promise of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blessing. (vs. 13)
* The new covenant can never get old and disappear.

**So What Now?**

* Jesus is ministering on the basis of a better covenant, a new covenant that makes us partakers of the new nature and the new life that only Christ can give.
* Let us not attempt to go back to the old way of living through our good works but instead enjoy the holiness and grace we find in Jesus’s superior priesthood.

**Hebrews 8**

* **Jesus’s ministry is in a better** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (8:3-5)

***How do we know that Jesus is ministering in a sanctuary? Has anyone actually seen Him doing the work of a high priest?***

* Jesus’s place of ministering meets the qualifications of the High Priest, yet it is different because He ministers in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. No other high priest can make such a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 3, 5:1; 7:27, Deuteronomy 12:13-14)

***Why does this matter and why do we care about this today?***

* Each Old Testament high priest was appointed to offer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; therefore, Jesus Christ must offer gifts and sacrifices. (Heb. 5:1; 7:27)
* Jesus didn’t just offer sacrifices that were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He made a blood sacrifice that lasted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s appointed place. (Deut. 12:13-14)
* On the cross, He offered Himself as the one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for sin forever that no one else could ever do. (Heb. 9:24-28).
* Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_sacrifice in heaven. He is not offering Himself over and over because that is unnecessary.
* Jesus not only had the heavenly pedigree to be THE High Priest, but He also has the earthly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ proof. (v. 4).
  + God promised that the Messiah would come from the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 49:8-10).
  + The priests came from the tribe of Levi. So, Jesus seemingly could not minister as High Priest on earth.
  + He can serve as High Priest in heaven because of the order of Melchizedek oversees the ministry, not the order of Aaron.
* Jesus’s ministry is founded on better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (8:6-13)
* Moses was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go-between) of the old covenant in the giving of the law (Gal. 3:19-20).