

JESUS – OUR GUARANTEE

One may preach a covenant of grace more clearly than another... But when they preach a covenant of works for salvation, that is not truth.

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IF AARON WAS SO GREAT, WHY DO WE NEED MELCHIZEDEK?

When you look at the old way verses the new way, it's

Then (Old)	versus	Now (New)
<u>Weak</u>	versus	<u>strong</u>
<u>Condemning</u>	versus	<u>liberating</u>
<u>Destructive</u>	versus	<u>protective</u>
<u>Excluding</u>	versus	<u>embracing</u>

The new high priest is not just better he's different.

Different by his call

Different by his qualifications.

Different by his constancy.

THE NEW ONE TRULY MEETS OUR NEED

The new hope becomes the bridge instead of the barrier.

The new hope brings complete salvation.

The new hope brings complete access.

The new hope brings complete relationship.

As we move into the communion time today, we remember that Jesus is the guarantor (the one who authorizes and authenticates) the New Covenant. Take a moment to look back over the old versus the new that we discussed above. That's what Jesus has done for you!

Small Group Homework - Week of March 6, 2016

Patrick was in a meeting last week where the group leader spoke of the peaches and the pits in our experiences. So here's the question: What event or experience in the last seven days or so tasted luscious and inviting? And what event or experience would you just as soon throw away?

1. Read Romans 3:20 and Romans 8:3. Hebrews says that the old way was set aside because it was weak and useless. What made it so?
2. Hebrews says Jesus is the guarantor of the New Covenant. Jeremiah 31:33-39 details that covenant. Read through it and jot down two or three points that are most meaningful to you. Why did you choose them?
3. Look back over Sunday's notes and see the negatives of the old and the positives of the New. Why is the New so positive when we have the same weakness either way?

4. Do you think that how God treats us under the New Covenant should have any bearing on how we treat others? Why?
5. Jim spoke of three ratios, positive to negative experiences, comments, or emotions. 3 to 1 parents to children; 5 to 1 in marriage, and 6 to one in great teams. What would you say is your general ratio of positive to negative in your attitudes and interactions with spouse, kids or grandkids, friends and coworkers?
6. If we are recipients of the New Covenant, does it make a difference if we communicate like Old Covenant people? Why? What do you think you could do to up the ratio?

Prayer requests.