

The Efficacy of the New Covenant, Part 2

from Hebrews 8:7-13

Greg Stiekes, Pastor

God established a covenant with His people, Israel, by which He invited them into fellowship with Him. Nevertheless, Israel could not keep their end of the covenant. If there was going to be perfect harmony with God, God Himself would have to reconcile His people uncondition-ally. So God, through His Son, provided a New Covenant. This New Covenant is efficacious because it secures *several eternal blessings* that God Himself puts into effect for those to whom the covenant is extended:

1. It secures the *obedience* of God's people.
I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts (v. 10a)

2. It secures a *relationship* between God and His people.
I will be their God, and they shall be My people (vv. 10b-11).

3. It secures the *forgiveness* of God's people.
I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more (v. 12).