

This Week

Churchwide
Worship Services Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
Bible Fellowships Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
Small Groups
Women’s Community Group Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in the Loft

Men
Samson Society Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library
Adult Studies
Why I Still Don’t Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room
Senior High
Senior Dinner Sunday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room



As our spring schedule winds down, look for what’s happening next in the summer 2016 edition of the *Guide to Grace Church* — available today.

This Morning

Lesson 4: The New Covenant of Jeremiah—*Jeremiah 31:27–34*
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- I.

A new beginning for Israel:

The Lord promised to reunite and restore the twelve tribes of Israel by removing her national guilt—*Jeremiah 31:27–30*.

A. Rebuilding the nation:

God promised to reverse the effects of the Babylonian Exile and rebuild the nation by replanting men and animals in the land (cp. *Jeremiah 1:10*)—*Jeremiah 31:27–28*.

B. Resolving national guilt:

The Lord promised to resolve Israel’s national guilt when He restores her to the land—*Jeremiah 31:29–30*.
- II.

A new covenant for Israel:

The Lord promised the twelve tribes of Israel that He will replace the conditional Mosaic Covenant with the unconditional New Covenant—*Jeremiah 31:31–34*.

A. Replacing the old covenant:

God promised to change the way He deals with His people by replacing the bilateral covenant He established with Moses with a new, unilateral covenant—*Jeremiah 31:31–32*.

B. Resourcing the people:

The Lord promised to provide believing Israel with all the spiritual resources necessary to enjoy an intimate relationship with Him throughout eternity—*Jeremiah 31:33–34*.

1. The New Covenant and the Holy Spirit:

The New Covenant also promised that the Holy Spirit would permanently indwell every regenerate person—*Ezekiel 36:27*.

2. The New Covenant and the Promised Land:

The New Covenant also includes several other promises, which are directly related to the nation Israel in the Promised Land—*Ezekiel 36:24, 28–30*.

• being regathered to the land—*Ezekiel 36:24*

• living in the land—*Ezekiel 36:28*

• agricultural prosperity of the land—*Ezekiel 36:29b–30*

III.

The Church and the New Covenant:

Since an inherent part of the Abrahamic Covenant was the Lord’s intention to enrich all the families of the earth, it is natural to expect that Christians would participate in many of the provisions of the New Covenant.
- Conclusion:
- A new heart—

Permanent forgiveness of sins—

Permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit—
- # Discussion
- These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning’s topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.
1.

How would your life be different if the three primary provisions of the New Covenant—a new heart, permanent forgiveness of sins, and the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit—weren’t available to you?

2.

How are each of the three primary provisions of the New Covenant crucial in the turbulent times in which you live? Which of the three provisions are the most difficult for you to accept as true?

3.

Which one of the three primary provisions of the New Covenant means the most to you, and why?