It is Finished! – Heb. 8:6

**Focal Truth: The death of Jesus Christ provides a new kind of relationship with God**

Have you ever wondered the way sinners can have a new relationship with God?

Do you have a living relationship with Jesus Christ?

What have you experienced in your relationship with Jesus Christ?

**Observations**

1. **Now Jesus Christ is in heaven with an excellent ministry for believing sinners with God– 8:6**

*But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry…*

1. Heb. 8:1 – a heavenly ministry – we have a high priest who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens
2. Heb. 7:24 – a eternal ministry – but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, hold His priesthood permanently
3. Heb. 7:25 – a saving ministry – He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through him, since He always lives to make intercession for them
4. **Now Jesus Christ is the mediator of a better relationship between God & sinners – 8:6**

*by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant…*

1. Mediator = one who stands between two parties to reconcile them to one another
2. Jesus Christ is the mediator – being fully God & fully man to reconcile them to one another
3. Jesus Christ by His death on the cross provides the act of mediation between God & sinners
4. 1 Tim. 2: 5 -6 – for there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself as a ransom for all…
5. Heb. 9: 15 – He is the mediator of a new covenant
6. Heb. 7:22 – Jesus Christ is the guarantee of a better covenant
7. ***Mediator of a better covenant…= covenant = order of things…arrangements between God & sinners***
8. The old arrangement was based on law & obedience
9. The old arrangement was based on continual sacrifices of animals and their blood for sins
10. The old arrangement never brought peace of mind to the sinner & permanent payment for sin to God
11. **Now God had promised a better relationship with Him based on better promises – 8:6**

 *which has been enacted on better promises*

God’s promises come by the death of Christ on the cross & his work as mediator

1. Heb. 8: 8 -9 God promises a new kind of relationship with believing sinners
2. It is a **new covenant = arrangement, relationship through Jesus Christ**
3. It is not like the **old covenant with Israel through Moses**
4. Heb. 8:10 -13 – the better promises of the new relationship between God & believing sinners
5. **Heb. 8:10 - The promise of a new way of thinking –** *I will put My laws into their minds*
6. **Heb. 8:10 - The promise of new desires –** *I will write them on their hearts*
7. **Heb. 8: 10 - The promise of a personal relationship –** *I will be their God & they will be my people*
8. **Heb. 8:11 – The promise of personally knowing God –** *they shall not teach everyone His fellow-citizen,*

 *and everyone his brother saying know the Lord, for all will know me, from the least to the greatest of them*

1. **Heb. 8:12 – The promise of mercy –** *for I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their*

 *sins no more*

**Things to Remember**

1. Today the Lord Jesus Christ ministers on behalf of believers before God in heaven
2. Today a new relationship with God comes by Jesus Christ the mediator
3. Today the Lord Jesus Christ’s death on the cross guarantees the new relationship believers have with God
4. Today God promises believers the joy of spiritual mindedness
5. Today believers respond to God with trust & obedience
6. Today nothing surpasses the love of God as Father to the believer
7. Seeking to know God is the mark of a new relationship with God
8. Endless mercy belongs to those who have a new relationship with God

**Daily Use**

1. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ- experience the new relationship with God
2. Give thanks to the Lord Jesus for His death which provides a new relationship with God
3. Rejoice believers- you are experiencing the promises of a new relationship with God
4. Seek God – joyfully, obediently, deeply as a child of God

**But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises**

The old hymn: Free from the Law oh, happy condition, Jesus has bled and there is remission, cursed by the law and bruised by the fall, Christ hath redeemed us once for all.

Once for all – oh, sinner, receive it

Once for all – oh, doubter, believe it

Cling to the cross, the burden will fall, Christ hath redeemed us once for all.