

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. For fun, what resolutions have we made that we didn't succeed at?
2. How do we view Jesus as our High Priest?
3. What do you think is meant by "the good things that are already here"?
4. When we say that Jesus died for all, who do you feel that covers?
5. How does Jesus' sacrifice work towards our sanctification?
6. What does the New Covenant mean to you?
7. What is your New Year's Resolution as it pertains to your walk with God?
8. How can we help support you with that Resolution?

*Hillcrest Church*  
*Wishes you a*  
*Happy New Year!*  
*Love, Acceptance, Forgiveness*

*"The days are coming," declares the Lord,  
"when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah."*

*Jeremiah 31:31*

*January 1, 2023*

*Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR: THE NEW COVENANT REMAINS  
Hebrews 9:11-28**

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As we look forward to the New Year of 2023, a lot of us and people we know are making New Year's Resolutions. These resolutions are mostly based upon making better life choices; eat healthier, exercise more, give up caffeine, be more fiscally responsible....the list is endless. How often though have we or someone we know, made a resolution and failed epically or almost immediately? This message is not to beat anyone up; we have all been there. We have all fallen short of commitments we've made to ourselves and to others. Today, we are going to look at the resolution, the commitment the New Covenant that God made to His people, and how it will never fail.

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**POINT 1. GOD SENT JESUS AS THE HIGH PRIEST - GOD SENT JESUS TO BE OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER. (Hebrews 9:11-13)**

- A. He came as the High Priest of the good things that were already here
- B. He went through the more perfect tabernacle (not man made)
- C. He entered the tabernacle of His own will

**POINT 2. GOD SENT JESUS TO BRING ABOUT A NEVER ENDING COVENANT - GOD GAVE US JESUS AS A MEDIATOR OF HIS NEW COVENANT (Hebrews 9:14-15)**

- A. Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice for ALL sin
- B. How much more can our conscious be cleansed
- C. He offered Himself so that we could serve God
- D. Jesus has restored eternal inheritance to ALL

**POINT 3. THE IMAGERY OF BLOOD SACRIFICE, (Hebrews 9:16-22)**

- A. Under the Old Covenant, literal sacrifices were needed to be cleansed of sin
- B. The copies of Heaven are better sacrifices
- C. God sent Jesus

**POINT 4. GOD SENT JESUS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH - JESUS WOULD ENTER HEAVEN TO ATONE FOR OUR SINS, (Hebrews 9:23-28)**

- A. Jesus did not need to sacrifice Himself more than once
- B. Jesus was fully God and fully man
- C. Just as we are destined, so was Jesus

**NOTES:**

Elder Aaron Olsen, January 1, 2023, Hillcrest Church

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY – HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We will be gathering at the Lord's table celebrating Jesus. Aaron Olsen is speaking on the New Covenant.

### **HELP REMOVE THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

We would appreciate your help taking the tree and other decorations down immediately after the service.

### **NEXT WEEK**

Pastor Bruce is beginning a new teaching series titled "Tell the Jesus Story Well." This series will focus on different ways of sharing Jesus with people. In 2023 our primary focus is on reaching out to our community. This teaching will facilitate that objective.

### **ONLINE GATHERINGS ARE BACK THIS WEEK**

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm

Bible Study: Wednesday at 6:30pm. Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access the gathering.

### **WINDOW REPLACEMENT**

We are going to replace several of the windows in our facility. The cost is \$5,000, the installation will take place in 8 – 10 weeks. In the meantime, we are beginning a campaign to raise the money to pay for this much needed upgrade. If you would like to give to this project write "window" in the memo of your check, or designate "window" on your offering envelop. Weekly totals will be given in the bulletin. This is not to be in place of your regular offering, it is in addition to it. Thank you for your financial support.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)).

## **FEBRUARY 5, 2023 – VISION SERVICE**

We are having a special service that will focus on the vision for the new year. You don't want to miss this!