The Expectations of New #4 The New New Covenant

Intro: We have a crisis that comes from a shortage of soul winners. The beginning point of becoming one is an understanding of the New Covenant.

- I. Here are the details of the "New" New Covenant. They are contrasted with the details of the Old Covenant from last week's message.
 - A. The Call for <u>Salvation</u>.

Romans 10:8-10 ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹that if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with your heart you believe and are justified, and with your mouth you confess and are saved. (BSB)

B. The *assurance* that comes from receiving Christ

Romans 10:11-13 ¹¹It is just as the Scripture says: "Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Greek: The same Lord is Lord of all, and gives richly to all who call on Him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (BSB)

C. The seal of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14 ¹³And in Him, having heard and believed the word of truth—the gospel of your salvation—you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the pledge of our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession, to the praise of His glory. (BSB)

D. The *outward* seal of our water baptism and communion

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (BSB)

Colossians 2:11-12 ¹¹In Him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of your sinful nature, with the circumcision performed by Christ and not by human hands. ¹²And having been buried with Him in baptism, you were raised with Him through your faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead. (BSB)

Luke 22:20 In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you." (BSB)

E. The receiving of the *written* word of God

II Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work. (BSB)

F. The promise of the second coming of Jesus Christ

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."

- II. What should be our response to the New Covenant?
 - **A.** We must replace this with what we have been taught. There is only <u>one</u> "New Covenant".
 - **B.** We need to be ready to share our story at <u>all</u> times.

One format to share our story is:

Creation: where did we come from?

Fall: when did we first realize that we needed to be saved?

Redemption: When did we begin to profess Jesus Christ as our personal savior? These stories usually end in your baptism.

Restoration: What is God doing in you since your baptism?

C. What are you doing to preach the Gospel to all people?