

**Baptism Part 7**  
**Old Testament Eschatology,**  
**or**  
**How the New Testament Interprets the Old Testament's Descriptions**  
**of New Covenant Blessings**

**Summary:** Reformed paedobaptists believe that Baptists see too much discontinuity between the new covenant and previous covenants, and that Baptists expect too much when it comes to the spiritual experience of *all* new covenant members. To test this belief, this lesson looks at four spiritual blessings that the Old Testament predicts about the new covenant, and then examines how the New Testament interprets their fulfillment in the church. It concludes that the New Testament writers viewed each of these blessings as part of the *already* experience of all Christians.

1. Having the law written on your heart (Jer. 31 → 2 Cor. 3:2–6)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Having your sins forgiven (Jer. 31:34 → Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:4; 2:13–14; Heb. 9:11–15, 26; 10:15–18)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Being indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Num. 11:29; Joel. 2:28–29; Ezek. 36:26–27; Isa. 44:2–3 → Eph. 1:13–14; Rom. 8:9; 8:3–4)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Being taught by God (Isa. 54:12 → John 6:44–45; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 John 2:26)

**Conclusion:** new covenant membership is not based on natural descent from a covenant member, but on spiritual union with Christ, which is why all new covenant members share in these blessings.