

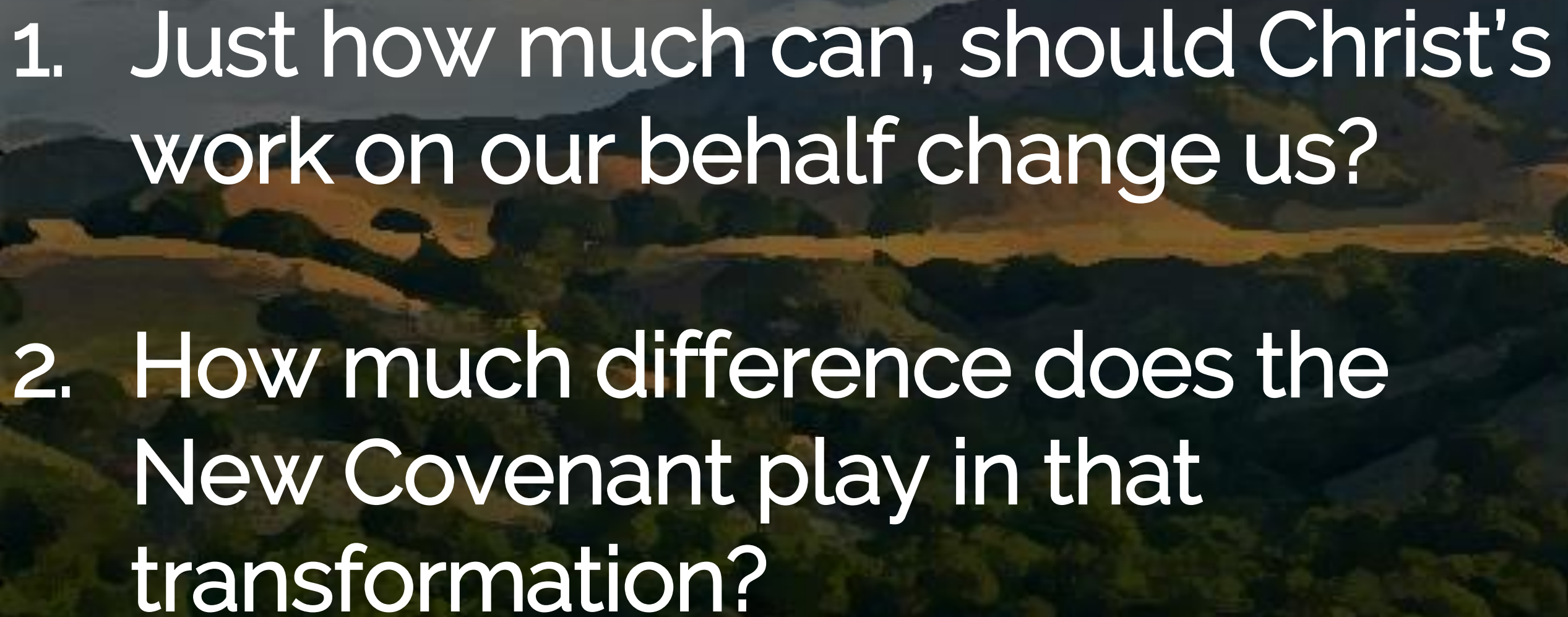
A scenic landscape featuring rolling hills and mountains. The foreground is dominated by dark green, dense foliage. The middle ground shows rolling hills with patches of brown and green. In the background, several layers of mountains are visible, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

“Finished”

Hebrews 8 & 9



I went to my high school reunion over the weekend. Some of my classmates changed so much that they didn't even recognize me!


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1. Just how much can, should Christ's work on our behalf change us?
 2. How much difference does the New Covenant play in that transformation?

HEBREWS CHAPTERS 8 & 9

1. Christ's high priestly ministry finished or completed what the other priests could not.
2. The New Covenant which Christ's death inaugurated was radically different and infinitely better.

¹Now the point in what we are saying is this . . . 8:1

¹We have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ²a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. 8:1-2

A scenic landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. The foreground shows green fields and trees, while the background features layers of mountains in shades of blue and grey, suggesting a misty or overcast day.

The Lord says to my Lord: “**Sit at my right hand,**
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Psalm 110:1

The Inferiority of the Old Covenant

⁹Therefore keep the words of this covenant
and do them, that you may prosper
in all that you do. Deut. 29:9

A scenic landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. The foreground shows lush green fields and dense forests, while the background features layered mountain ranges in shades of blue and grey, suggesting a misty or overcast day.

An important note:
The Old Covenant did not “fail”

The Superiority of the New Covenant

1. Purification happens in heaven 8:1, 5, 7; 9:11-12; 9:24

Don't forget, in the earthly temple, there is no longer an Ark, or a mercy seat. It's empty!

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1. Purification happens in heaven 8:1, 5, 7; 9:11-12; 9:24.
2. It's the reality to which the Old pointed. 8:5, 8:6, 8:7
3. It's puts God's law in our hearts; we all will KNOW God; He forgets our sin. 8:8-12
4. One sacrifice forever! 9:6-7

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5. It cleans our heart, not just exterior. 9:9-10



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Ezekiel 36:26-27

1. Removal of the old heart. 2 Cor. 5:17
2. Given a new heart. 2 Cor. 5:17
3. Given the Holy Spirit. John 3:3-5

What are the implications for us?

1. Freedom from guilt/shame – 9:14
2. Freedom to live victoriously. Rom. 8:31-39
3. We can and should expect to see our nature more fully reflect Christ's nature.

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³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature . . . 2 Peter 1:3-4