



Heritage Alliance Church
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Part 9 – Jesus Changed
 Everything

*“You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead... Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the **new way of living in the Spirit.**”* Romans 7:4,6

“The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.” Galatians 3:24-25

Dangers of not applying the difference between Old and New Covenants

- Prosperity Gospel Theology – Faith misplaced on temporary blessings
- Hierarchy of Spiritual Positions with Power and Control
- Sacred Places & Spaces – God’s presence is restricted
- Hating our enemies on behalf of God – Us versus Them
- Image management - Hiddenness, lack of authenticity in the Church

Differences between the Old and New Covenant

Old Covenant - Relationship	New Covenant - Relationship
Promises Temporary – Good Life	Promises Eternal – No Death / New Life
One Nation – Specific People - Israel	All Nations – All People - Anyone
Some people have more access to God	All people have direct access to God
Tangible Land & Crops, Physical Health	Kingdom of God, Eternal Inheritance
External Purity / Covered Over	Internal Purity / New Life
Bondage to Law & Sin	Freedom from Law & Sin
Blessings were conditional “If / Then”	Blessings are from relationship - kinship
Maturity is based on obedience to law	Maturity is heart – Mt Ch 5-7 - Love
Repeated Sacrifices – blood of animals	One Sacrifice by God – Blood of Jesus
Righteousness from obedience to Law	Righteousness gift from God by Faith
God’s commandments written on stone	God’s commandments written on hearts
Sin is disobeying God – Letter of the Law	Sin is disobeying God – Spirit of the Law
Faith is believing God – by obedience	Faith is believing God – by obedience

Moral laws, Ceremonial laws, Civil laws

The Law of Moses was given to Israel as a means of instructing them in God's ways and setting them apart as a holy nation. It was meant to reveal God's character, provide guidance for living in covenant relationship with Him, and expose their sinfulness and need for a Savior. The purpose of the Law was fulfilled by Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the life of the followers of Jesus.

Fears of embracing New Covenant

- Sin will increase in our behavior
- We will be soft on others sin
- We will not appreciate the Holiness of God

Deuteronomy Chapters 28-30 – Blessings and Curses – If/Then Old Covenant

“...even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God... just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.” Romans 8:10-11

“Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.” Romans 1:16

“Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time.”

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.” Hebrews 10:10-12, 19-20

“Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation” 1 Peter 1:4-5

“...we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.” Romans 5:1

“Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God’s grace.” Romans 6:14

“We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.” Romans 8:23

“For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. These are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands will never defile you.” Matthew 15:19-20

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“Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.” Romans 3:24

“I will put my law within them, and I will write on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Jeremiah 31:33

“So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.” Romans 8:6

“Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” Romans 4:3

“We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes.” Romans 3:22