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How did the Pharisees of Jesus's day expect to recognize the Messiah?

**Conformity** to **Mosaic Law & Traditions.** 

Commendation by Israel's shepherds.

Condemnation of (Israel's enemies) the Gentiles.

#### 1 Corinthians 1

"22 For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we **preach Christ crucified**, **to Jews a stumbling block**, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

The Judaizers believed that TRUE Christianity was a sect within Judaism and must follow the Law of Moses (Old Covenant).

The Gospel, with its call for salvation by faith apart from works of the Law, was a "stumbling block".

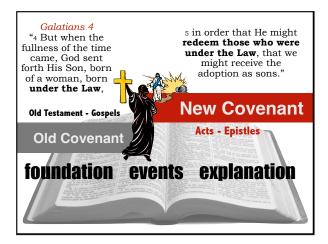
### John 1:17

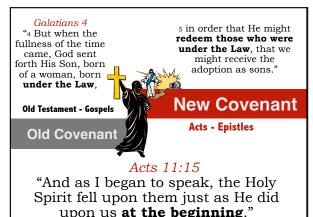
"For the **Law** was given through **Moses**; **grace** and truth were realized through **Jesus Christ**."

# 2 Corinthians 3

"4 . . . our adequacy is from God, 6 who also made us adequate as servants of a **new covenant**, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for **the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life**. . . . 11 For if that which fades away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory."

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#### Hebrews 3

- "1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession."
- 1. Jesus is superior to Moses as a MEDIATOR
  - a) God to us (Apostle) and b) us to God (Priest).

# 1 Timothy 2

"5 For there is one God, and one **mediator** also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony borne at the proper time."

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#### Hebrews 3

"2 He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. 3 For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God."

2. Jesus is superior to Moses as our BUILDER.

Moses LAYS THE FOUNDATION Jesus BUILDS THE CHURCH.

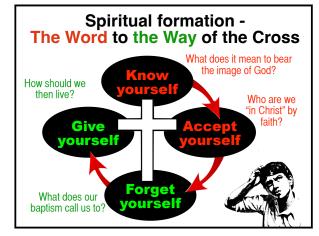
#### Hebreus 3

"5 Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later;

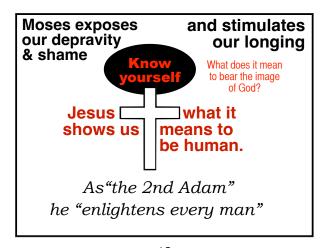
6 but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are. if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end."

3. Jesus is superior to Moses as our HOPE.

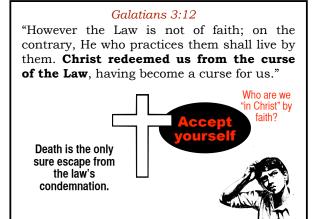
**OUR HOPE, is not in the Law of Moses,** but in Christ, God's Son, & Redeemer.



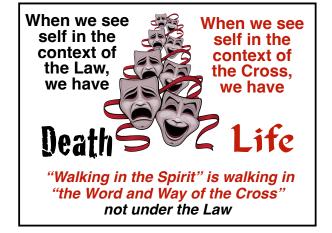
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# The Law was a temporary tutor, leading us to faith in Christ.

#### Galatians 3

"23 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. 24 Therefore **the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ**, that we may be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, **we are no longer under a tutor**. 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

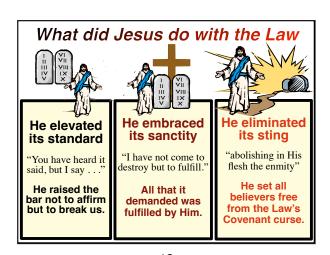
#### The Christian is not under the Law.

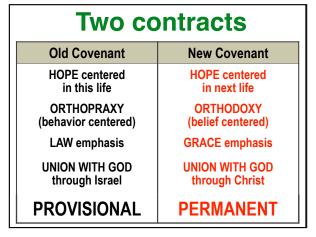
# Romans 7:1,4,6

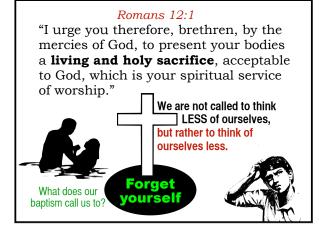
"the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?"

"you were made to **die to the Law** through the body of Christ,"

"But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound,"







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# Two mental postures

Talk to self (sow to the Spirit)

Listen to self (sow to the flesh)

**Import** the Word of the Cross

**Surface** the lust of the flesh

Telling yourself the truth

- 1. Your identity "in Christ" 1. Satan's word to Eve
- 2. Your death by baptism
  - 2. Satan's word to Jesus
- 3. The Spirit of affirmation 3. Satan's accusation

Rehashing the lie

"We think of the Christian life as a 'changed life' but it is not that. What God offers us is an 'exchanged life,' a 'substituted life.' and Christ is our Substitute within." Watchman Nee "The Normal Christian Life" Page 180

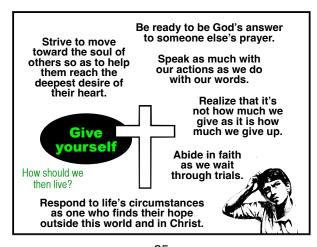
# The challenge is to renew our minds.

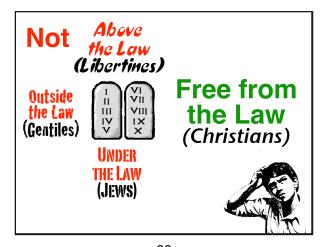
#### Romans 12:2

"And do not be conformed to this world. but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

# Colossians 3:9-10

"since you laid aside the old self . . . and have put on the new self . . ."







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# Ephesians 2:8-10

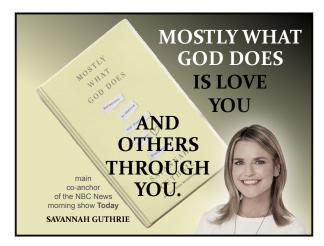
#### **Faith**

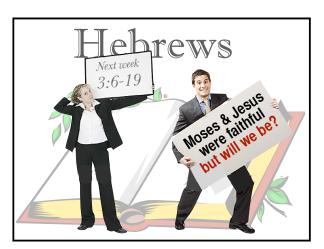
"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

#### Fruit

"for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for** good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we **should** walk in them."

The Word of the Cross inspires the Way of the Cross.





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