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# THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

*Hebrews 3:1-6  
Lesson #8  
Moses and Jesus  
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## The majesty of Christ

# HEBREW'S

*3:1-6  
Moses & Jesus  
(How did Jesus displace Moses?)*

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### The Hebrew Bible of Jesus' day

**Prophets**

Joshua - Malachi

**Law**

Genesis - Deuteronomy

**Writings**

Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Daniel, Zechariah, Malachi


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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.**



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*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 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".

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*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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Old Testament - Gospels      **New Covenant**  
 Acts - Epistles

Old Covenant

**foundation events explanation**

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*Acts 11:15*  
 “And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us **at the beginning.**”

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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.**

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*Hebrews 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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**Spiritual formation -**  
**The Word to the Way of the Cross**

How should we then live?

What does it mean to bear the image of God?

Who are we “in Christ” by faith?

What does our baptism call us to?

**Know yourself**  
**Give yourself**  
**Forget yourself**  
**Accept yourself**

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Moses exposes our depravity & shame and stimulates our longing

**Know yourself** What does it mean to bear the image of God?

Jesus shows us what it means to be human.

As "the 2nd Adam" he "enlightens every man"

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**FEAR & SHAME**

are God's tools before we come to Christ and Satan's tools after.

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*Galatians 3:12*

"However the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, He who practices them shall live by them. **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law**, having become a curse for us."

Who are we "in Christ" by faith?

**Accept yourself**

Death is the only sure escape from the law's condemnation.

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When we see self in the context of the Law, we have **Death**

When we see self in the context of the Cross, we have **Life**

**Death** **Life**

"Walking in the Spirit" is walking in "the Word and Way of the Cross" not under the Law

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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."

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*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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### What did Jesus do with the Law

<p><b>He elevated its standard</b></p> <p>“You have heard it said, but I say . . .”</p> <p>He raised the bar not to affirm but to break us.</p>	<p><b>He embraced its sanctity</b></p> <p>“I have not come to destroy but to fulfill.”</p> <p>All that it demanded was fulfilled by Him.</p>	<p><b>He eliminated its sting</b></p> <p>“abolishing in His flesh the enmity”</p> <p>He set all believers free from the Law’s Covenant curse.</p>
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### Two contracts

Old Covenant	New Covenant
HOPE centered in this life	HOPE centered in next life
ORTHOPRAXY (behavior centered)	ORTHODOXY (belief centered)
LAW emphasis	GRACE emphasis
UNION WITH GOD through Israel	UNION WITH GOD through Christ
PROVISIONAL	PERMANENT

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*Romans 12:1*

“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a **living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”

We are not called to think **LESS** of ourselves, but rather to think of ourselves **less**.

Forget yourself

What does our baptism call us to?

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### Two mental postures

<p><b>1. Talk to self (sow to the Spirit)</b></p> <p>Import the Word of the Cross</p> <p>Telling yourself the truth</p> <p>1. Your identity “in Christ” 2. Your death by baptism 3. The Spirit of affirmation</p>	<p><b>2. Listen to self (sow to the flesh)</b></p> <p>Surface the lust of the flesh</p> <p>Rehashing the lie</p> <p>1. Satan’s word to Eve 2. Satan’s word to Jesus 3. Satan’s accusation</p>
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“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

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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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Strive to move toward the soul of others so as to help them reach the deepest desire of their heart.

Be ready to be God's answer to someone else's prayer.

Speak as much with our actions as we do with our words.

Realize that it's not how much we give as it is how much we give up.

Abide in faith as we wait through trials.

**Give yourself**

How should we then live?

Respond to life's circumstances as one who finds their hope outside this world and in Christ.

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**Not Above the Law (Libertines)**

**Outside the Law (Gentiles)**

**Free from the Law (Christians)**

**UNDER THE LAW (JEWS)**

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**A tree with green leaves may tell us it is alive, but it needs fruit to tell us it is healthy and reproductive.**

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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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**MOSTLY WHAT GOD DOES IS LOVE YOU**

**AND OTHERS THROUGH YOU.**

main co-anchor of the NBC News morning show Today  
SAVANNAH GUTHRIE

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**Hebrews**

Next week 3:6-19

**Moses & Jesus were faithful but will we be?**

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