

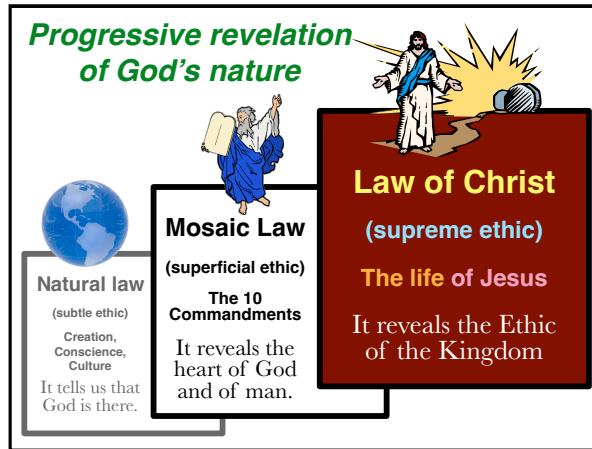
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ACTS 17:11

1 Timothy 1:6-11
Lesson #3
Lawful Exposure
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1 Timothy 1

- vs.1-2 MAIN thing - grace, hope, faith
- vs.3-5 The role of the APOSTLES to clarify the faith
- vs.6-11 The role of the LAW to convict humanity of its need.
- vs.12-17 The role of the GOSPEL to comfort believers in their despair.
- vs.18-20 The role of the CLERGY to conserve the faith as aliens.

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Three mistakes

<p>Live outside the Law</p> <p>They have no respect for God or themselves as His image bearer.</p> <p>A seared soul is the result.</p> <p>They need to be broken by the Law.</p>	<p>Live under the Law</p> <p>They seek God's favor through obedience to the Law.</p> <p>Guilt or pride is the result.</p> <p>They need to be liberated from the Law.</p>	<p>Live above the Law</p> <p>They use their freedom to feed the lusts of the flesh.</p> <p>Divine discipline is the result.</p> <p>They need to be guided by the Law.</p>
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The (Old Covenant) Law

1. The moral Law is at the **core** of world religions and the American constitution.



The nation's capital is full of Biblical inscriptions, but they center attention on the moral law and Moses not the Gospel and Jesus.



In the chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives

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The east entrance to the Supreme Court Building pictures Moses as the supreme lawgiver.



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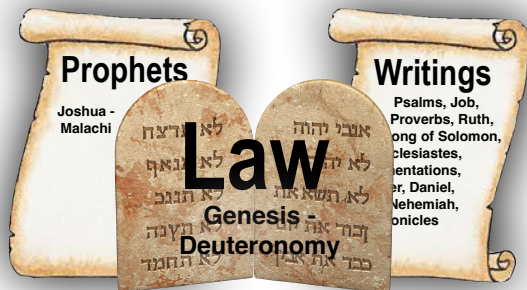


On the doors (both inner and outer) of the Supreme Court and above the Bench of the Chief Justice, are displays of the Ten Commandments!



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The Hebrew Bible was Jesus' Bible



Talmud (Official theology)
Mishnah (Oral tradition) 200 A.D.
Gamara (Commentaries) 500 A.D.

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Promised blessing to Abraham
 Genesis 12:1-3

through the Law



To Jews only

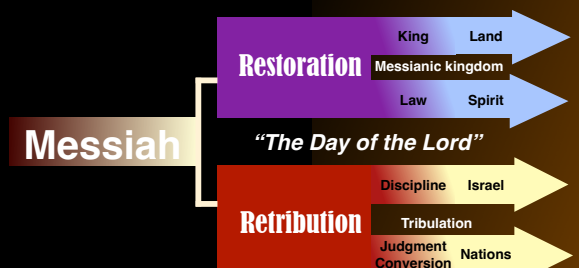
God's Glorious Kingdom



Gentiles could be included only by becoming Jewish proselytes

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The O.T. Prophets were expecting a national revival not personal redemption.



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John 1:17

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

Conformity to the Law & Traditions.

Commendation by Israel’s shepherds.

Condemnation of (Israel’s enemies) the Gentiles.



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1 Corinthians 1

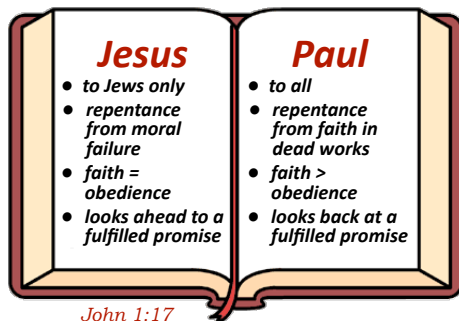
“22 For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we **preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block**, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

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”.

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The Gospel of Jesus & Paul



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Contrasting worlds

Old Testament	New Testament
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 the Body of Christ
STORIES & LAWS	LOGIC & PRINCIPLES

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The tension between faith and works

- The 1st theological controversy in the early church. (Acts 15)
- A major issue in Paul’s letters. (Rom. 9-11)
- The issue addressed in 1 Timothy. (1 Tim.1)
- An issue in today’s church.

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Discipleship salvation

- **Not everyone** who professes to be a Christian really is saved.
- We will know true Christians by their **obedience** to the moral law of God.
- We must come to Christ and **follow after Him** if He is to save us.
- A true believer **cannot and will not** live with unresolved sins in this life.
- Old & New Covenants are **combined**.

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2. The Law is a source of **conflict** in church history.
3. The Law is our **coach**, leading us to the Cross.

Galatians 3

“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.”

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The Jews made the “fine print” of the Law a manageable system.

Matthew 5

“17 Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. . . . 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. . . . 22 But I say to you . . . whoever shall say, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell. . . . 48 you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Jesus’ interpretation of the Law underscored its purpose to bring condemnation to all humanity.

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The Law covenant of Moses could only condemn not confirm.

Acts 15

“10 Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus,”

Old Testament - Gospels

Old Covenant



Paul's Gospel

Acts - Epistles

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Paul's explanation of the purpose of the Law.

Romans 7

“9 And I was once alive apart from the Law; but **when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died;** . . . 13 Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, **in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death** through that which is good, that **through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.**”

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The Abrahamic Covenant's promise was to be realized through the person of (God's elect) Christ (including all those “in him” by faith).

Galatians 3

“11 Now that **no one is justified by the Law** before God is evident; for, “The righteous man shall live by faith.” 12 However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “He who practices them shall live by them.” 13 **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—** . . . 14 in order that **in Christ Jesus** the blessing of Abraham might come to the 15 Brethren, . . . 16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to **his seed**. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is, **Christ.**”

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Ephesians 1
 “4 just as He **chose** us **in Him**, (13 times in ch.1). . .
 13 you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed **in Him** with the Holy Spirit of **promise**, 14 who is given as a pledge of our **inheritance**.”

Our calling is to believe the Gospel and be united with Christ (God's elect).

John 3:16
 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

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The great exchange
2 Corinthians 5:21
 “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

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

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**

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The Terrorizing Work of the Law in the Christian's Life

Hardening the religious to pride

Challenging the strong to judge

Condemning the sensitive to shame

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Shame is God's tool before the Cross

SAND SATAN'S TOOL AFTER.

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The Law of Moses could not deliver the blessings of Abraham

but it could point us to the only one who would.

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