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*1 Timothy 1*

“18 This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may **fight the good fight**, 19 **keeping faith and a good conscience**, which some have **rejected and suffered shipwreck** in regard to their faith. 20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered over to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme (speak against).”

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*1 Timothy 1 (paraphrase)*

“18 In light of the prophetic words spoken about your calling, I am trusting you to fight for the faith 19 in both your teaching and by example, knowing that some have abandoned the truth and left the faith. 20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have let experience the natural consequences of their dark ideas and behavior with the hope that they would learn not to speak against the fundamentals of the Gospel.”

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**General observations**

✓ “Strange doctrines” are to be **expected** and must be **resisted**.

*1 Timothy 1*

“3 As I urged you . . . that you may instruct certain men not to teach **strange doctrines**, 4 nor to pay attention to myths and **endless genealogies**, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering **the administration of God which is by faith**.”

**The N.T. Epistles were written to churches with flaws that needed correcting.**

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✓ Two major challenges to the Gospel message in the early church were:

1. **Gnosticism** - teaching that the Gospel meant **detachment** from the material world. (new age)

*1 Timothy 6*

“20 O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is **falsely called “knowledge”**, 21 which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith.”

Today, many *Eastern religious spirits* share this perspective.

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**The emerging American culture**

**The “God Within” cult of ethical, therapeutic, pantheism**

✓ **Religious - Gnosticism**

✓ **Social - Deinstitutionalization**

✓ **Psychological - Narcissism**

✓ **Political - Libertarianism**

✓ **Ethical - Relativism**

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2. **Judaizers** confused the relationship between Law and Grace so that the Gospel involved **attachment** to the Law covenant. (old covenant)

*2 Timothy 1*

“8 . . . God, who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, **not according to our works**, but according to His own purpose and **grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus** from all eternity,”

*Galatians 5:4*

“You have been severed from Christ, you who are **seeking to be justified by law**: you have **fallen from grace**.”

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Both of these challenges call for clarification of three issues.

1. Old Covenant **and the New**
2. Redemption **and the Holy Spirit**
3. Righteousness **and faith**

*These three issues were life changers in my Christian faith.*

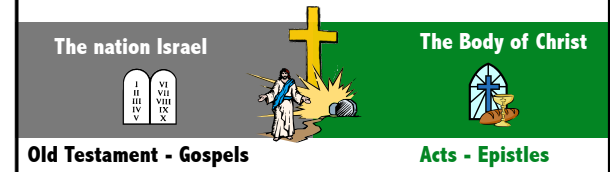
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1. Old Covenant **and the New**

The (Old) Mosaic Covenant was set aside for a **New Covenant**.

*John 1:17*

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



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The full meaning of this would come with the **gift of the Spirit at Pentecost**.

*John 16:13*

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He will guide you into all the truth**; . . . and He will disclose to you what is to come.”



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This was a **mystery until revealed to Paul**.

*Ephesians 3:3-5*

“that by revelation there was made known to me the **mystery**,...which **in other generations was not made known** to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;”



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This was understood to be a **new beginning**.

*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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## Paul's Gospel and Jesus' Gospel

*Mark 1*

"<sup>14</sup> Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "repent and believe in **the gospel.**"

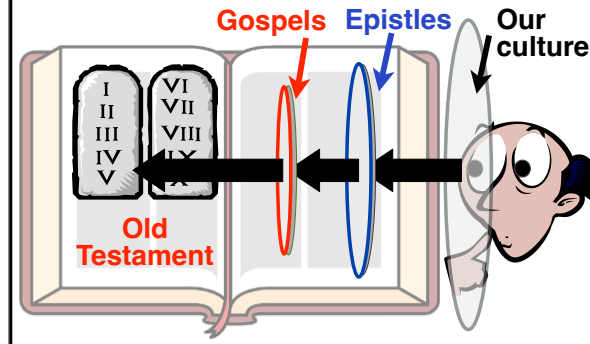
**What Gospel were they supposed to believe?**

*1 Corinthians 15*

"<sup>1</sup> Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel which I preached to you**, which also you received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that Christ **died** for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was **raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures,"

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All Scripture is written **FOR us** but not **TO us** or **ABOUT us**.



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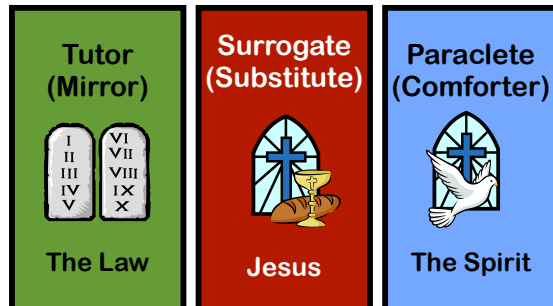
## 2. Redemption and the Holy Spirit

*Romans 8*

"<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of **the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.** <sup>3</sup> For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that **the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**"

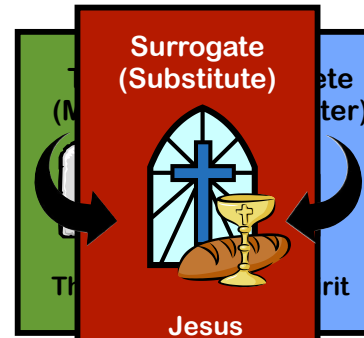
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Don't confuse the ministries of **the Law**, **the Son**, and **the Spirit**.



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The **Law** and the **Spirit** are not given to save us, but to point to **one who can and has.**



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"Holiness is not the way to Christ; Christ is the way to holiness. **Better still, Christ is our holiness.**"

Charles Spurgeon

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### 3. Righteousness and faith

*Romans 3*

“21 But now **apart from the Law** the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even **the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe**; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 **being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;**”

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### Three great imputations



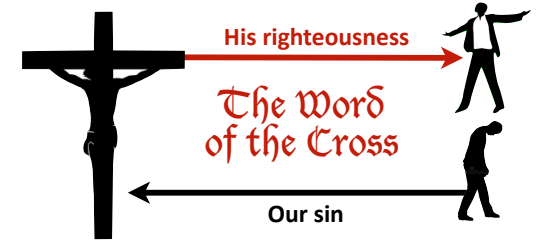
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### The great exchange

*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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### Two aspects of holiness



The Cross of Christ -

for us

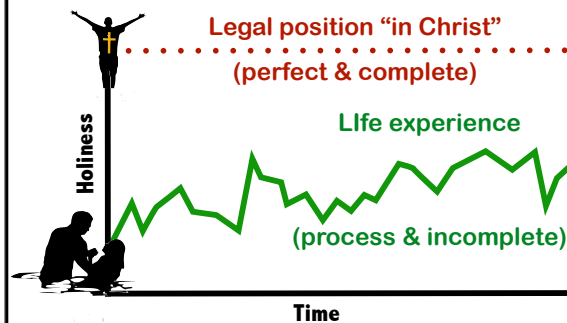


in and through us

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| ✓ children of God | ✓ disciples of Christ   |
| ✓ fixed position  | ✓ dynamic posture       |
| ✓ based on faith  | ✓ based on faithfulness |
| ✓ our identity    | ✓ our calling           |

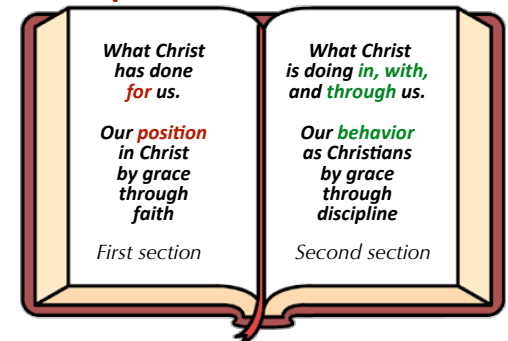
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### The two aspects of holiness



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### The pattern of Paul's letters



The order is consistent and significant.

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## Positional righteousness

- ✓ It is not a “felt” experience.
- ✓ It is complete and not progressive.
- ✓ It is not dependent on human merit.
- ✓ It is not secured by moral reform.
- ✓ It fully satisfies the demands of a perfectly holy God.
- ✓ It is revealed through teaching and received by FAITH.

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The temple priest was ceremonially sanctified with water before he performed his sacred duties.



This had to do with his official position not his personal character.

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## Water baptism is the positional washing of believer priests.

“ . . . baptism now saves you, not the washing of the filth of the flesh but the answer of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”



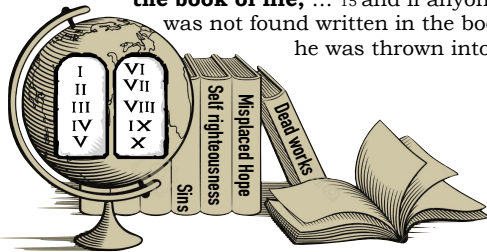
1 Peter 3:21

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## Revelation 20

“<sup>11</sup> And I saw a **great white throne**,...<sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and **the books were**

**opened**: and **another book was opened, which is the the book of life**; ... <sup>15</sup> and if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”



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## What should we learn from this?

- ✓ All Scripture is written FOR us but not always TO us or about US.
- ✓ The MAIN thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing.
- ✓ Both the Law and the Spirit draw attention TO the CROSS of CHRIST.
- ✓ Take your BAPTISM seriously.
- ✓ Celebrate the “good news”.



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## 1 Timothy

Next week  
1 Timothy  
2:1-7

Prayer  
Priorities



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