

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

Mark 2:18-22

Lesson #29

A New Day

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1 Corinthians 15

“17 and if Christ has not been raised, **your faith is worthless**; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men **most to be pitied.**”

If Christ did not rise from the dead, the Christian faith is a bad joke and Christians are pathetic fools!

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Why is the resurrection important?

1. The credibility of the Gospel story resides in it.
2. The hope of God's Kingdom promises rise with it.
3. The whole Christian life revolves around it.
4. The meaning of human history rests on it.

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A parable of history's game changer

Mark 2

“¹⁸ And John's disciples and the Pharisees were **fasting**; and they came and said to Him, “Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?””

- ✓ Fasting was a sign of **mourning** the absence of God among His people, Israel (Roman captivity & unfaithfulness).
- ✓ Spiritual piety called for fasting at this time. Jesus and his people seemed **out of touch** with the culture.
- ✓ Or they were seeing a **dramatic change** in the story line of God's plan being worked out in history.

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- ✓ Jesus and the Apostles often used **marriage** customs as a model of spiritual truths. Eph.5.

Mark 2

“¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, “While the **bridegroom** is with them, the attendants of the **bridegroom** do not fast, do they? So long as they have the **bridegroom** with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ But the days will come when the **bridegroom** is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.”



- ✓ Only when the **bridegroom** is absent do the attendants fast.
- ✓ Only when the **kingdom and the King** are absent does Israel fast.

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Mark 2

“²¹ No one sews a patch of un-shrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results. ²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and the skins as well; but one **puts new wine into fresh wineskins.**”

With Messiah there is a change coming that will involve displacing the old cov. with a new cov.



**Not an extension of -
Not compatible with -
- the Old Covenant**

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This transition would open a **critical and controversial change** in the way God and Man would relate.

Jesus as the Christ would play a pivotal role in this transition by fulfilling the O.C. and by initiating the N.C.

Galatians 4

“4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

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Jesus Christ lived under the Old Covenant and initiated the New Covenant.



- ✓ **He came in the fullness of time.**
The drama of redemption is a linear story.
- ✓ **He ministered under the law.**
Jesus' teaching is in the context of the Old Covenant.
- ✓ **He redeemed and adopted.**
Jesus did not reject the Law but fulfilled its demands so that it could never return to condemn those who are his.

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This change would effect **two issue**.

John 1

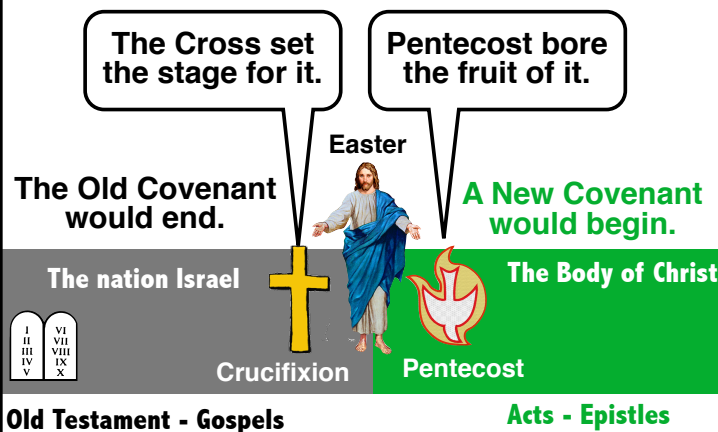
“9 There was the true light which, coming into the world, **enlightens every man**. . . . 17 For the **Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ**. 18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has explained Him**.”

The relationship of **Divinity to Humanity**

The relationship of **Law to Grace**

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The center of this change would be the resurrection of Christ.

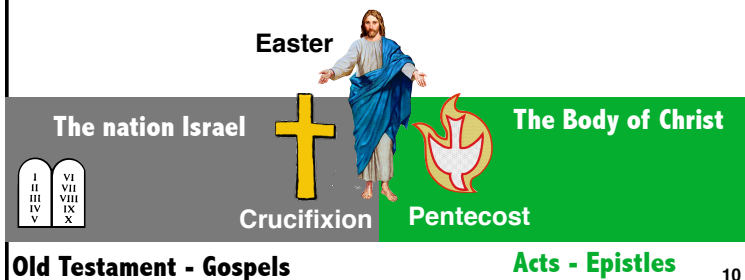


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This was understood to be a **new beginning**.

Acts 11:15

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

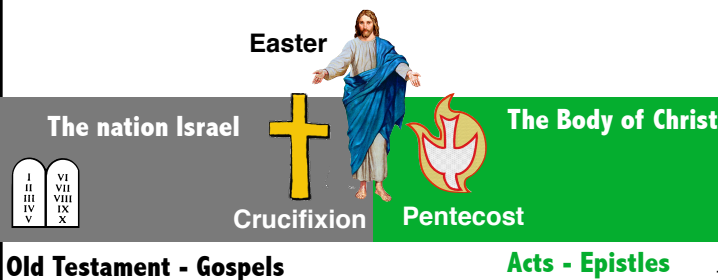


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This was a **mystery until revealed to Paul**.

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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Christ's death and resurrection were of
"first importance" in the Gospel message.

1 Corinthians 15

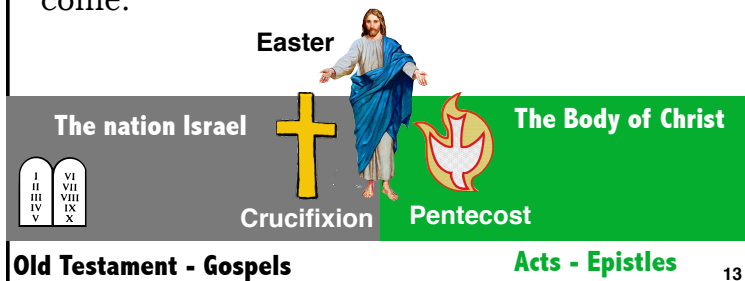
"¹ Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel which I preached to you**, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also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

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The full meaning of this would come
after Pentecost.

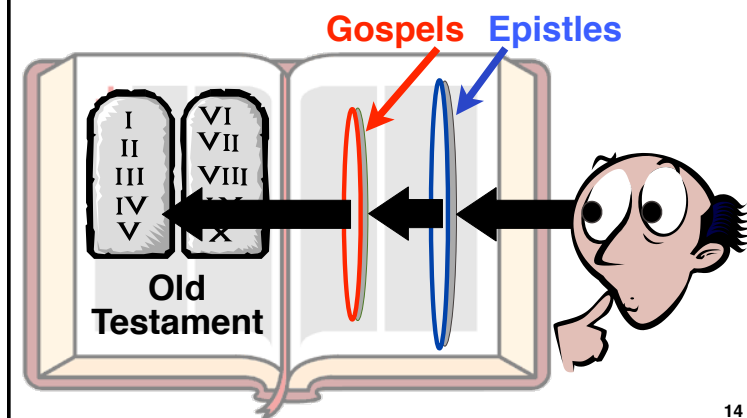
John 16:13

"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."



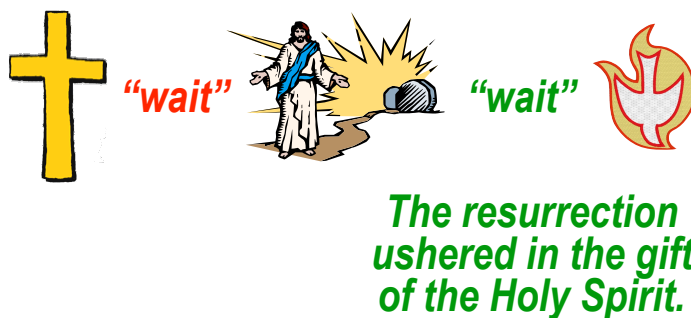
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**This is why we read the Bible
 through the lens of the N.T. Epistles.**



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**The resurrection
 authenticates
 the atonement.**



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Blessing #1

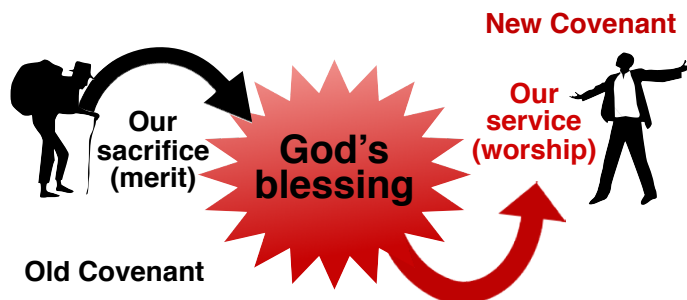
**Easter secures our inheritance
 through faith not works.**

1 Peter 1

"³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into **a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—**kept in heaven for you**, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

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**A religious, legalistic, spirit is
 distinguished from true religion
 by the relationship between our
 works and God's blessing.**



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Blessing #2

Easter frees us from the curse of the Law.

Romans 8

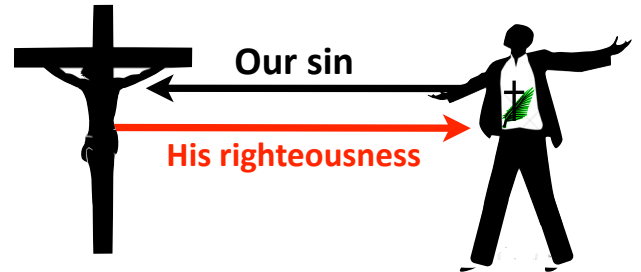
"1 There is therefore now **no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus**. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,"

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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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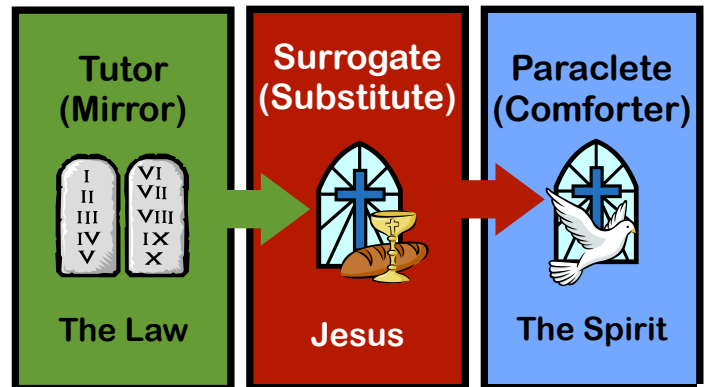


The Terrorizing Work of the Law in the Christian's Life



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



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Some practical issues

The Sabbath

- Should Christians keep Sabbath Laws?
- Is the Sabbath Saturday or Sunday?

The Tithe

- How are Christians to view the many O.T. Laws - dietary, tithe, etc.

The promises

- How are Christians to relate to the O.T. promises of blessing and cursing?

The nation Israel

- How are Christians to view the nation Israel?

The 10 Commandments

- What is the proper use of the 10 Commandments?

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Blessing #3

Easter inspires us to follow Christ based on love not fear.

Romans 8:15

"For you have not received a **spirit of slavery leading to fear again**, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, 'Abba! Father!'"

2 Corinthians 5:14

"For the **love of Christ** controls us,"

1 John 4:19

"We love because **He first loved us**."

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Two covenant paths



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Blessing #4

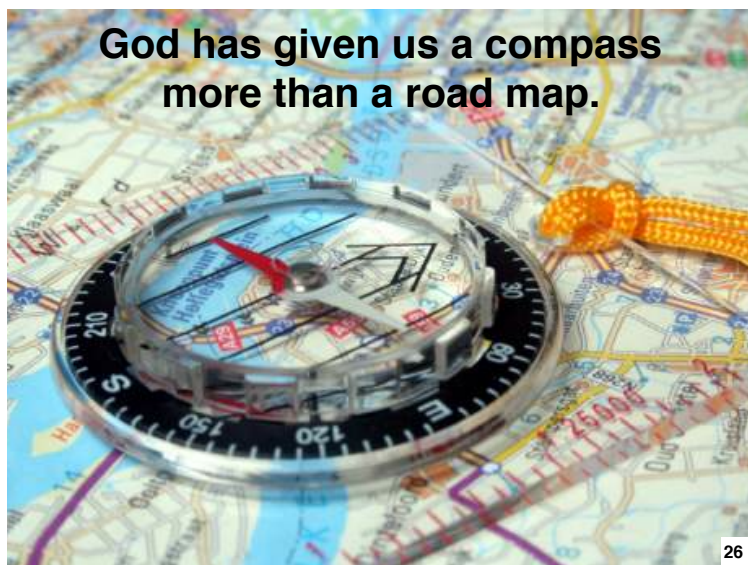
Easter comforts and guides us with Christ's indwelling Spirit.

John 16

"7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the **Helper** (comforter) shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. . . . 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He will guide you into all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 **He shall glorify Me**; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you."

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God has given us a compass more than a road map.



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Blessing #5

Easter frees us from bondage to sin with power to obey.

Romans 6

"1 What shall we say then? **Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?** 2 **May it never be!** How shall we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **so we too might walk in newness of life.**"

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The father of lies wants us to seek hope in anything and everything **but Jesus.**



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Depression

is the exhaustion of our soul as it pursues misplaced strategies to relieve our frustration & find hope in a fallen world.



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Be careful what you say to yourself because your soul is listening.



The worst lies that we tell are the ones we tell to ourselves about ourselves and God.

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Satan, the father of lies, has one powerful tool - the false perceptions, and expectations that he sows in our minds and culture.



Many of us listen to the dark side of life when we should be reminding ourselves of who we are "in Christ".

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Satan's sneaky pack of lies



- ✓ **Focus on the Law** - Who sinned - me (shame) or you (blame)?
- ✓ **Unrealistic expectations** for God, others, and ourselves.
- ✓ **A toxic church culture** that has lost its perspective, priorities, and power.

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With the pandemic God has our attention and He has an Easter message for us.

- ✓ Don't be alarmed **as though some strange thing is happening to us**. This world is not heaven.
- ✓ Know that we are **deeply loved, valued, and not alone**. Easter is a love pageant.
- ✓ We are free from the spirit of **shame and blame**. Jesus took our shame and blame.
- ✓ We need not **fear death & suffering**. This life is not the end game.
- ✓ Our responsibility usually rests in **our response to trouble not our removal of it**. We can chose to live above the clouds or below them.

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- ✓ Receive the gift of life that is **offered to all through faith in Jesus Christ**.

Easter's gift is a blessing **but only if it is **received &** **applied by faith**.**

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