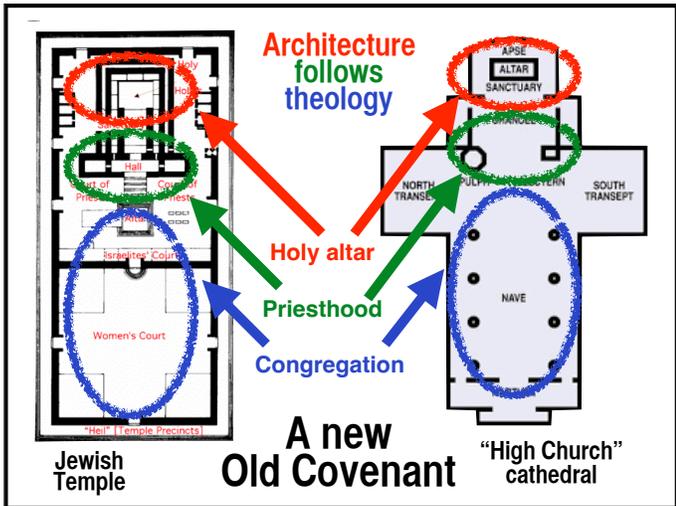




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- NEW** Testament Introduction
1. A new addition - Inspired Scripture
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"Walking in the Spirit" is walking in love by the Way of the Cross" not by the Law and fear

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 N.C. and the O. C. context

John 1:17

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

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.”



How is the Christian to view the Law of Moses?



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Old Covenant

Leviticus 18:5

“So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, **by which a man may live** if he does them; I am the Lord.”



New Covenant

Galatians 3

“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.”

Romans 3:28

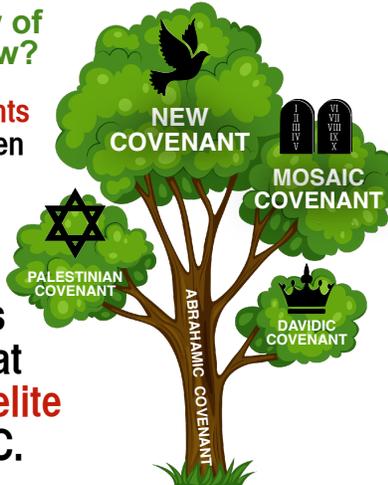
“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith **apart from works of the Law.**”

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Israelites' view of the Mosaic Law?

The **major covenants** mentioned between God and Israel in the Bible

Keeping the Law was the badge that **marked an Israelite** under the O.C.



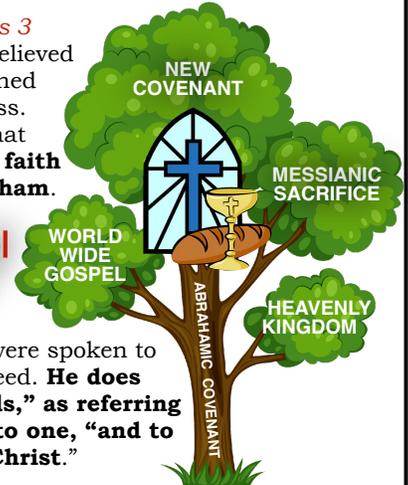
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Galatians 3

“6 Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. 7 Therefore, be sure that it is **those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.**”

A shadow Gospel was given through Abraham

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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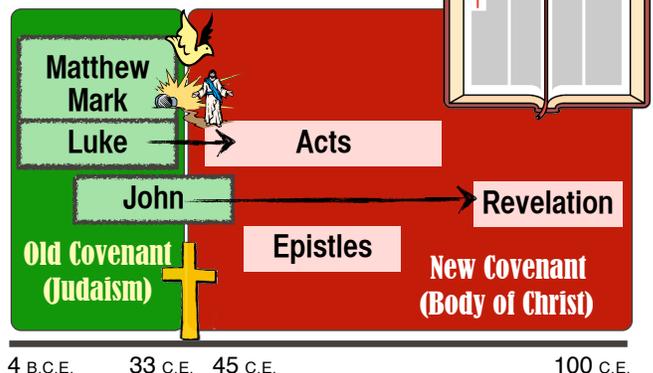
The Gospels trace the words and works of Jesus who was born and died under the O.C.

Galatians 4

“1 Now I say, as long as the **heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything,** 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. 3 So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world (the Mosaic Law). 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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The New Testament has documents that fall under both the O.C. and N.C.



4 B.C.E.

33 C.E. 45 C.E.

100 C.E.

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Old and New covenants
View #1 clarified



This view understood:

1. There is but one covenant with an upgrade (N.C.).
2. Only ceremonial aspects of the O.C. have ended.
3. The N.C. made the promises of the O.C a reality in both the imputation of perfect holiness by faith & an (imperfect) impartation of it in life by the Spirit.

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View #1 Credibility

1. **ALL** scripture is given for our training.
2 Timothy 3:16
"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable ..."
2. Faith that saves **is never alone.**
Phil.2:12
"So then, my beloved, just as you have always **obeyed**, ... **work out your salvation with fear and trembling;**"
3. God's judgment is **"of our behavior"** (not our lack of faith), in Apostolic teaching.
1 Peter 1:17
God "judges impartially **according to each one's deeds**"

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Old and New covenants
View #2 replacement



This view understood:

1. Jesus was the fulfillment of the promise & Law.
2. Apostolic teaching replaces O.C. with N.C.
3. The N.C. was a new system that was only revealed after Pentecost, by faith, and pardoned (not paroled) believers who died to the O.C.

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View #2 Credibility

1. **"In Christ" we are free from the O.C. (Law).**
Galatians 2:19
"For through the Law **I died to the Law**, so that I might live to God."
Romans 7:6
"We are **released from the Law, having died to that which held us...**"
Galatians 3
"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 ."
2. The **sabbath** is no longer sacred as a day.
Romans 14:5
"One man regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Let each man be fully convinced **in his own mind.**"
Colossians 3:16
"no one is to act as your **judge** in regard to ...a **Sabbath day**"
(*Hebrews 4:9-10*)

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The Law Covenant is terminated at the Cross and Resurrection of Christ.

Hebrews 7:18

“For, on the one hand, there is **a setting aside of a former commandment** because of its weakness and uselessness”

Hebrews 10:10

“We have been sanctified through the **offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**” (7:27, 9:12)

Contrast

The Cross, Resurrection, & Pentecost mark the change from the Old Covenant to a New Covenant.



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Training wheels

are **great in helping** you learn to ride.

get in the way once you learn to ride.

The Old Covenant helps us get to Christ

but it can hold us back once we learn to walk by the Spirit via the New Covenant.



To walk in the Spirit, take off the little wheels.

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The Law of Moses points us to both
the curse and the Cross



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The great exchange



Our sin

His righteousness



We bear his holiness in the same way and to the same extent that he bore our sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21

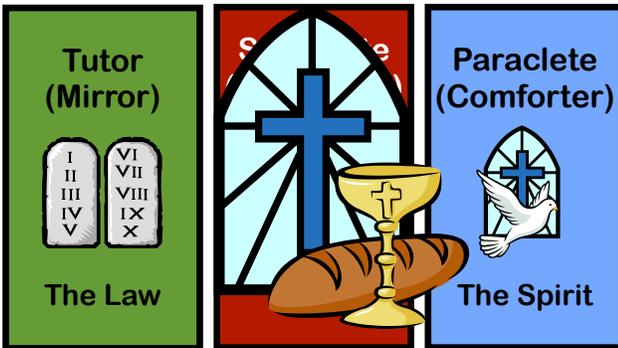
“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Romans 5:19

“For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.”

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



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The N.C. message and the Word of the Cross

John 5:39

“You search the **Scriptures** (Old Testament), because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that **bear witness of Me**”

1Corinthians 1

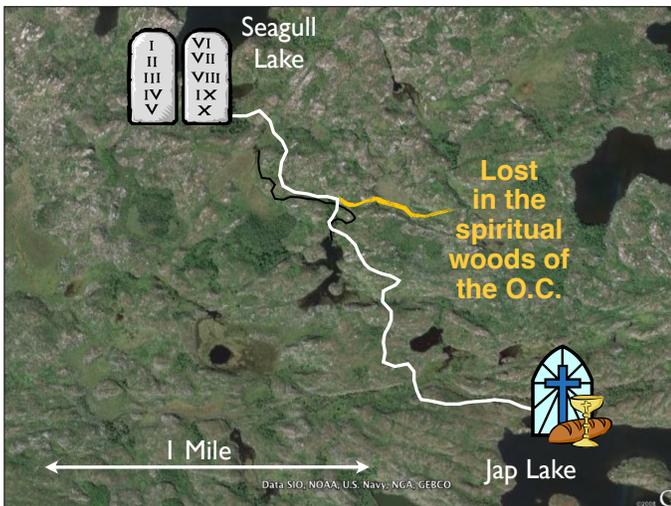
“23 but we preach **Christ crucified**, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ **the power of God and the wisdom of God.**”



The main thing is to
**keep the main thing,
the main thing.**



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The Law of Moses points us to both

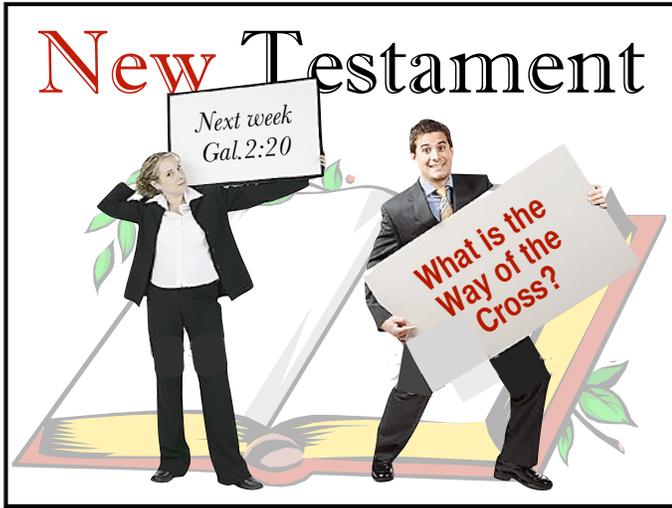
Our shame



Our Savior

“To run and work the law commands,
Yet gives me neither feet nor hands;
**But better news the gospel brings:
It bids me fly, and gives me wings.**”

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Introduction to the New Testament
(01) A New Addition

Understanding Apostolic Teaching is key to understanding Christianity.

1. Christianity cannot be reduced to ethical purity, intellectual exercises, or moralism.

2. Justifying faith is rooted in grace alone, but not our own.

3. The New Covenant is not a doublet drawn on the O.C. Law but fulfilling its demands.

4. The whole Bible is written FOR us, but not always TO or ABOUT us.

* Godly behavior is introduced by love not law.

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