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New Testament Introduction

1. A new addition - Inspired Scripture
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4. A new lifestyle - The Way of the Cross
5. A new nature - The Spirit of Christ
6. A new Israel - The Body of Christ
- 7. A new mission - The Disciple of Christ**
8. A new hope - The Return of Christ

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Biblical Mandates

<p>All Humans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ The Creation mandate <i>We are stewards of the planet.</i> ➔ The Character mandate <i>We bear the image of God.</i> ➔ The Cultural (civil) mandate <i>We are our brother's keeper.</i> 	<p>Body of Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ The Commission mandate <i>We are to make disciples.</i> ➔ The Charismatic mandate <i>We have individual roles & responsibilities.</i> ➔ The Continuation mandate <i>We must abide in faith.</i>
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Three different emphases of Christianity

It's about eternal life.
Understand what Christ has done FOR us

It's about personal holiness.
Welcome what Christ is doing IN us

It's about social justice.
Cooperate with what Christ can do THROUGH us

It starts here

but should never stop there.

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Romans 12

The Gospel is the Love & Grace of God on display -

vs 1a Get it

1. Grace of God deeply sensed

vs 1b-2 Get it

2. Cross of Christ willingly carried

vs 9-13 Give it

5. Love for the brethren openly shown

vs 6-8 Give it

4. Gifts of the Spirit properly used

vs 14-21 Give it

6. Response to the world graciously given

vs 3-5 Get it

3. Body of Christ rightly discerned

- through the church's show and tell mission to the world.

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Luke 9:23

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

John 13:35

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Our witness to the world is centered in our relationship to one another and our response to life's struggles calling for an explanation to a hopeless world.

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A new self - via the Spirit of Christ

John 14

“16 And I will ask the Father, and **He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever**; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because

**He abides with you,
and will be in you.**

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in My name,

He will teach you all things,

and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

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Two views of the relationship between the **Old** and **New** Covenants

view #1 seed (shadow)

clear

Abraham -

Moses -

Jeremiah -

O.C.

N.C.

Jesus -

Paul

view #2 training wheels (tutor)

hindrance

All humans bearing God's Image

Children of God

Family of Faith (of Abraham)

Body of Christ

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**Christians are bound
not by law but by love.**

“me in Christ” “Christ in me”

Positional holiness

Practical holiness

FAITH

LOVE

A child of God

A disciple of Christ

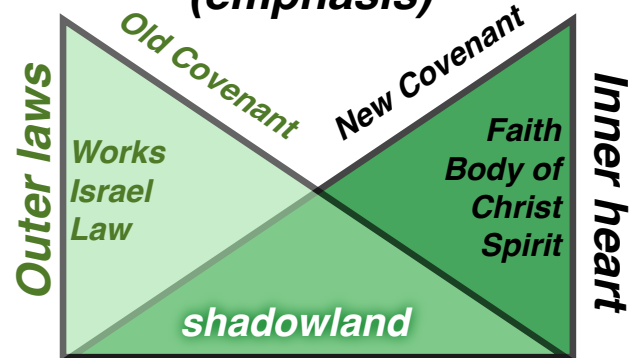
complete

in process

Free from law Bound by love

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Biblical social ethics (emphasis)



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Under the Law

Under Grace

Proof text driven

Spirit driven

Paint by
the numbers

Implement
principles

Seek rules
to live by

Seek wisdom
to live by

Rigid

Flexible

Fear of making
mistakes

Faith in the
grace of God

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What is **NEW** about a Disciple of Christ?

“Inside - out” not **“outside - in”**

- **New Perspective** - Wisdom of the Cross
- **New Peace** - Word of the Cross
- **New Power** - Way of the Cross

**Anointed, Audacious,
Alien, Ambassador**

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**A Disciple is
the incarnation of Jesus' Spirit as an:**

Anointed, Audacious, Alien, Ambassador -

- **Baptized** (openly identified) as a believer.
- **Fearless** (openly identified) as a believer.
- **In but not of** this world.
- **Maker of disciples** spreading the Gospel.

- for the Word and Way of the Cross -

Jn. 8:31, 14:15 follow him
Jn. 13:35 love those he loves
Jn. 15:8 bear fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
Lk. 9:23 bear a cross (self sacrifice)

- as a holy heir with Jesus' glory.

- Imputed with Christ's holiness by faith.
- Expressing a shadow of God's Image in this life.

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The indwelling Spirit of Christ

**brings inner ASSURANCE of regeneration,
serenity, security, and significance.**

Romans 8

"¹⁶ **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,** ¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, **heirs** of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be **glorified** with Him."

Ephesians 1:13

"¹³ you were **sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,** ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our **inheritance,** with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory."

Galatians 4

"⁶ And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,** crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God."

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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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*The New Testament is an
Operations Manual for
**Anointed, Alien,
Ambassadors**
in a broken world*

Spiritual triple "A" members must:
**Take their baptism seriously.
Keep their Light Shining.
Make their Salt Salty.**

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Next week
1 Cor. 15:19



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APTTOTEACH

A bishop then must be ... apt to teach 1 Timothy 3:2

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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 ritual, piety, emotional exercises, or social justice.
^{2.} Apostolic faith is rooted in moral values, but not law.
^{3.} The New Covenant is not a covenant drawn on the U.C. Can not be left to the dead.
^{4.} The whole Bible is written FOR us, but not always TO or ABOUT us.
^{5.} Godly behavior is motivated by love not law.



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