

A Comparison Between the Old and New Covenants

The Old Covenant was Based on the Law of Moses	The New Covenant is Based on the Law of Christ
<p>The Law of Moses Summed Up</p> <p>Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Keep the sabbath... Honour thy father and thy mother... Thou shalt not kill. Neither shalt thou commit adultery. Neither shalt thou steal. Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour. Neither shalt thou... covet (Deut. 5:6-21).</p>	<p>The Law of Christ Summed Up</p> <p>Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2). However, you can only do that <i>through</i> Christ, by obeying His Greatest Commandment to "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment" (Mark 12:30). The second commandment is to "love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mark 12:31).</p>
<p>The Law of Moses was a Curse</p> <p>For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them (Gal. 6:10).</p>	<p>Christ Delivered Us from the Curse of the Law</p> <p>Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree (Gal. 3:13).</p>
<p>The Temple: A Place to Meet with God</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Garden of Eden (Gen. 1:27-31) 2. The Mountain of God (Ex. 3:1) 3. The Tabernacle (Ex. 36) 4. The Temple Built by Solomon (1 Kings 1:6) 	<p>The Temple is People Filled with God's Spirit</p> <p>The most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands (Acts 7:48). The Holy Ghost... God hath given to them that obey him (Acts 5:32). Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God (1 Cor. 6:19). We are labourers together with God... ye are God's building (1 Cor. 3:9).</p>
<p>People Sacrificed Animals to Restore Fellowship with God Temporarily</p> <p>Your lamb shall be without blemish (Ex. 12:15).</p>	<p>God Sacrificed Jesus to Restore Fellowship with God Forever</p> <p>Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world (John 1:29).</p>
<p>The Priests were People Set Apart to God, Purified, and Deemed Worthy to Enter God's Presence</p> <p>Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel (Ex. 19:6).</p>	<p>Jesus, as High Priest, Reigns Over a Priesthood of Purified Believers Set Apart and Deemed Worthy to Enter God's Presence</p> <p>We have a great high priest... Jesus the Son of God (Heb. 4:14). Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light (1 Pet. 2:9). [Jesus] wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by [His] blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Rev. 5:9-10). Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you (2 Cor. 6:17).</p>
<p>Only a Select Few Had Limited Access to God</p> <p>Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year (Ex. 30:10)</p>	<p>Every Born Again Christian Has Full Access to God</p> <p>This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest (Heb. 8:10-11). Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace (Heb. 4:16).</p>
<p>God Required Holy Living</p> <p>Ye shall be holy men unto me (Ex. 22:31).</p>	<p>God Requires Holy Living</p> <p>It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful (1 Cor. 4:2). Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (Rom. 12:1). They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).</p>
<p>God's Purpose</p> <p>To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God. (Eph. 3:9-10).</p>	