

The Law and the Gospel

An Examination of the Relevance and Purpose of the Law in the New Covenant Part 3

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Agenda

What role, if any, does the Mosaic Law play in a Christian's life today?

1. Continuity and discontinuity between covenants
2. Two systems in contrast: Flesh and Spirit
3. Sanctification: In the Spirit

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What Role Does the Law Play in the Believer's Life?

1. ~~Binding function~~

2. Revelatory function

3. Instructional function

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Continuity and Discontinuity

1. Sabbath rest (Old – Saturday) (New – In Christ)
2. Circumcision (Old – 8 days old) (New – In Christ)
3. Food laws (Old – certain unclean) (New – all clean)

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Sabbath Rest in Christ

Hebrews 4:2-3 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. **3 For we who have believed enter that rest**, just as He has said, “AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,” although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Colossians 2:16-17 (NET) Therefore do not let anyone judge you with respect to food or drink, or in the matter of a feast, new moon, or **Sabbath days** these are only the shadow of the things to come, but the reality is Christ!

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Two Systems in Contrast

Romans 8:3-4 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, **4** so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not **walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit**.

Flesh
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Spirit
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Works: A Self-Made Righteousness

Romans 10:1-5 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation. 2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. 3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and **seeking to establish their own**, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. 5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.

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Life in the Spirit

Matthew 3:11 As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but **He who is coming** after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NET) **For in one Spirit** we were all baptized into one body. Whether Jews or Greeks or slaves or free, we were all made to drink of the one Spirit.

John 14:26 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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The Spirit's Work: Through the Word

John 17:17-19 **Sanctify them in the truth**; **Your word is truth.** 18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, **that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 **All Scripture is inspired by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped **for every good work.**

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What Kind of Preaching Should We Tolerate?

1. We must come into contact with the meaning that was intended by **the author**.
 2. Applications can be many, but they must be logically connected to the meaning of the text.
- Example: Isaiah 17:10

