

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

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