

Pick a Covenant, *Either* Covenant

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2 Choices: First ...

2 Cor. 3:3-14	Ministry of death Ministry of condemnation Passing away A veil over the heart Minds were blinded
Galatians 5:1-5	Yoke of slavery
Ephesians 2:11-16	A wall between two peoples Enmity People afar off
Colossians 2:13-14	Against us
Hebrews 8 – 10	Inferior covenant (implied) Covenant of copies and shadows “The law can never make those who approach perfect” Same sacrifices, offered continually Was old & ready to vanish away

Who wants to be justified by THIS covenant?

Thank God,

The Veil Was Taken Away
The Wall Was Broken Down
The Enmity Was Put to Death
The Enmity Was Abolished
The Law Was Fulfilled

Jesus said about the Old Covenant,

Matthew 5:17 – Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ ... Not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

(The handwriting of requirements) “He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.” (**Colossians 2:14**)

Hebrews 9:16-17 Where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death....

Now we have a better choice!

<p>2 Cor. 3:3-14</p>	<p>Ministry of the Spirit Ministry of righteousness/justification Remains The veil is taken away Beholding the glory of the Lord</p>
<p>Galatians 5:1-5</p>	<p>Liberty</p>
<p>Ephesians 2:11-16</p>	<p>One Near; with access</p>
<p>Colossians 2:13-14</p>	<p>Made us alive together with Him</p>
<p>Hebrews 8 – 10</p>	<p>Better covenant; better promises The true; things in the heavens “He ... perfected forever those who are being sanctified.” One single sacrifice, once for all A new & living way</p>

*Upon instituting the Lord's Supper, Jesus said, **Luke 22:20** – “... This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”*

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just as with marriage. – ***Romans 7***
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***What happened to
The Ten Commandments?***

The 10 Commandments in the New Testament

No other gods	1 Cor. 8:4-6
No carved images	1 John 5:21; 1 Cor. 6:9
No taking God's name in vain	Matthew 6:9
Remember the Sabbath day	<i>Changed: Heb. 4:1-11</i>
Honor father and mother	Eph. 6:2
No murder	Rom. 1:29
No adultery	1 Cor. 6:9
No stealing	1 Cor. 6:10; Eph. 4:28
No false witness	Eph. 4:25, 29-30
No coveting	1 Cor. 6:10; Col. 3:5

“The Law” included more than
The 10 Commandments.

1. **Jesus:** (Matt. 22:37) “You shall love the Lord your God...” from Deut. 6:5, and quotes from “their law” citing a Psalm (69:4), “They hated Me without cause.” (John 15:25)
2. **The Jews:** “Moses, in the law, commanded” stoning. (John 8:5)

The Old Covenant – *The Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms* (Luke 24:44) – was a “package deal.”

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Promises to
Abraham
*Choose one family...
To bless all families*

Genesis 12:1-3
1875 B.C.

First Covenant
Law of Moses
for the Jews

Exodus 20
1440 B.C.

Second Covenant
Law of Christ
for all

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4. The two covenants are not to be mixed; the Old Covenant is not for Christians. – ***Acts 15***
5. If someone lives by *any* Old Testament practice (for religious purposes), s/he must take *all* of the practices:

“I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.” – ***Galatians 5:3***

So, *why the Law?*

A tutor, leading us to have
faith in Christ (Gal. 3:24)
and **hope** (Rom. 15:4)

A “visual aid”

Old

New

As we point out differences – shadow and substance – remember: *Some* elements are the *same* in the two covenants.

Man's Faith *(Romans 1:16; Galatians 3:22-25)*

Obedience *(Romans 6; Galatians 3:27;
Matthew 28:18-20)*

Holiness *(1 Peter 1:16)*

God's grace *(Romans chapters 3-6)*

Old

Clean and
unclean foods

Tithing (of food) /
Firstfruits

Incense

Many Musical
Instruments

New

We may eat anything
(1 Tim. 4:4-5; Acts 10:9-16)

Free-will offerings /
The collection (of money)
(1 Cor. 16:1-2)

Prayers *(Heb. 13:15-16)*

Singing, with the heart as
the instrument
(Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)

Old

New

Feast days /
New moons

We break bread the
first day of the week
(Acts 2:42; 20:7)

Sabbaths /
Days of rest

Our rest is in heaven.
(Hebrews 4:1-11) We are
not judged regarding days.
(Col. 2:16-17)

Levitical priesthood

Jesus is our high priest
(Hebrews 7:11-18); we are
all priests *(1 Peter 2:5, 9)*

Old

New

Burnt offerings

The sacrifice of Christ
(Hebrews 8-10)

Born in

Born again (*John 3:3*;
1 Peter 1:3, 23), “knowing”
God (*Hebrews 8:10-11*)

Infant Circumcision
(the 8th day)

Adult circumcision made
without hands, at baptism
(Colossians 2:11-12) of
believers (*Acts 8:37a*;
Mark 16:16; *Acts 16:31*)

Old

Reminder of sins

New

“I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” *(Hebrews 8:12)*

Summary:

Learn from the Old; Live by the New.

Invitation:

Enter into God's New Covenant.