



## OT Law was done away with (Not under the Law)

Many believers have embraced the OT Law, and it may come as a shock to many Christians that they are not under this OT Law and was not intended for them.

Although the OT is a part of your bible, we have to learn to rightly divide the Word of God. It is true that all the Word was inspired by God, and is infallible, is for reproof, doctrine, and instructing man in righteousness, the OT law was given and spoke to the Jewish people directly. It was a covenant God had primarily with the Israelites, not with the Gentiles.

We are under the New Covenant, not the OT. This is not to say that OT is not God's Word or that it is useless, God forbid. What I am saying is that there is a difference, and it is not just the white page that separates the two in your bible.

Also, I must say that when I say the OT, I am not talking about the entire 39 books but specifically the law and how God dealt with those under the law.

I am not here saying that Christians should reject the Old Testament as God's Holy Word. 2 Timothy 3:16 teaches that all the word of God is inspired by God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, and many more. The key here is that we must interpret the Old Covenant in light of the New Covenant.

Those who want to keep the law under grace have no understanding of the two covenants. Teaching the observance of the law while under grace is a perversion of the gospel. In Galatians 3 Paul makes it very clear. Matter of fact, no man was able to keep the law (Romans 3:23). James 2:10 makes it clear the if you break one, you are guilty of all.

The law has been fulfilled by Jesus on our behalf.

- a) Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

- b) Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.
- c) Romans 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
  - i) The Love of Jesus for us fulfilled the Law. When we walk in that love, we have also fulfilled but not kept the law. We could not keep it through our strengths and abilities.
- d) Gal 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

The old covenant was based on works, performance, and good deeds. The Law also refers to works and performance. There is a huge difference between the Old and the New. The difference is not the white blank page that separates the two.

Matthew 9:16-17 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

Below I have listed a few scriptures that make the same point that I am making.

According to Galatians 3:13, we see clearly that the Lord delivered us not just from the law itself (See verses below), but also from the curse of the law.

- a) Romans 6:14-15 <sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
- b) Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
- c) Romans 4:16 Therefore, it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

- d) Romans 7:4-6 <sup>4</sup>Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. <sup>5</sup>For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.
- e) 2 Corinthians 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:
- f) Galatians 2:19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.
- g) Galatians 3:24-25 <sup>24</sup>Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.
- h) Galatians 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.
- i) Ephesians 2:14-15 <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; <sup>15</sup>Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- j) Colossians 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;
- k) 1 Timothy 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
- l) Hebrews 7:18-19 <sup>18</sup>For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. <sup>19</sup>For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.
- m) Hebrews 8:6-13 "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. <sup>7</sup>For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. <sup>8</sup>For

finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: <sup>9</sup>Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. <sup>10</sup>For 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: <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. <sup>13</sup>In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

- n) Hebrews 10:8-9 "Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; <sup>9</sup>Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second."

If we desire to live under the commands of the Old Testament law, we are returning to bondage, or we have misunderstood the New Covenant that was established by Jesus (John 1:17; Matthew 11:13); Luke 9:55-56)

It must be said as well that not all the OT is the law. There are things taught and revealed in the OT which are not necessarily the law. We should be very cautious not to write off everything in the OT as law.

Here is what the bible says why God gave the law:

- a) Produce Guilt and stop every mouth
  - i) Romans 3:19 "Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God."
- b) Knowledge of sin
  - i) Romans 3:20 "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."
- c) School Master (Tutor)

- i) As a schoolmaster (Tutor) to hold back the growth and spread of sin. It is true Surely, the law could not hold sin back entirely. This was only a temporary measure.
  - ii) Galatians 3:23-25 "But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."
- d) Strengthen sin
- i) 1 Corinthians 15:56 "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law."
- e) Deceive and slay
- i) Romans 7:11 "For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me."
- f) Condemn
- ii) 2 Corinthians 3:9 "For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory."
- g) Kill
- i) 2 Corinthians 3:6 "Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

In short, the Law strengthened our enemy, sin, not us. For those who think they can keep the law, James 2:10 says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." If we commit any sin or break any of the law, we are guilty of them all.