

Are We Living Under The Old Testament Today?

There seems to be a bit of confusion over the Old and New Testaments. Which are we to obey? Which is for our instruction today?

In Matthew 5:17-18 Jesus states "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill (complete it)."

In Luke 18:31 Jesus told His apostles "All things written by the prophets concerning the son of man shall be accomplished."

John 19:30 we see Jesus' death on Calvary and completing the will of the Father. His mission being accomplished Jesus said, "It Is Finished."

Luke 24:24 Jesus is now risen from the dead and speaks these words unto His disciples (apostles) "All things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and In the Prophets, and In the Psalms concerning me." So this includes everything up until Acts, when the church began.

John 5:36 Jesus tells us that He came to finish the works which the Father gave Him and the world would bear witness that the Father sent Him. (Finish the law of Moses and give us a new and living way, was Jesus reason for coming to earth.)

In Hebrews chapter 10 the writer tells us that God was not pleased with burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin, so He sent His Son to give us a new and living way fulfilling the first.

Hebrews 10:9 "He taketh away the first, (law of Moses), that he may establish the second." (The Gospel of Jesus Christ) done away the Old Testament and gave us the New Testament, purchased with His own blood.

Hebrews 3:24-25 "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. [25] But after that faith (New Testament Gospel) is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."

1 Corinthians 3:7 "But if the ministration of death, written and engraved in stones, (law of Moses) 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; [11] For that which was done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious."

Paul (the apostle) writes to the saints at Colosse and explains how Christ fulfilled the old law and gave us a new way, purchased by His own blood.

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."

While the Old Testament is for our learning, we cannot live under it. To try to do so would be no less than sin.

Christ came and gave us the New Testament, bought it with His own blood right there on Calvary. Now to go back and try living under the Old Testament would simply be saying that Jesus shed His blood for nothing. We had the law before Christ came. Christ came to give us a New Testament with better promises.

- James Ferguson