

Old and New - cont.

The Old Law (law of Moses) found in the 39 books of the Old Testament and the New Law (law of Christ) found in the 27 books of the New Testament, are different, but alike. Here are a few comparisons and contrasts:

Both sets of law are based upon the redemption of mankind (Exodus 19:4; I Peter 1:18-19).

Both sets of law reward God's elect (Exodus 19:5-6; I Peter 2:5-9).

Both sets of law set forth terms of obedience (Exodus 19:5; I Peter 1:14, 22).

Both sets of law require faith and trust as a response (Exodus 19:8; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 5:8-9; 11:6).

Both sets of law contain a scope and a duration. The scope of people: all Jews for the Old Law (Deuteronomy 5:3) and all people for the New Law (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:18-20). The duration: the Old Law passed away when Jesus died (Eph. 2:14; Colossians 2:14) and the New Law is eternal (Hebrews 13:20).

Both sets of law have an object or goal - to reflect God's holy character

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(Leviticus 11:44-45; I Peter 1:15-16).

Lastly, both sets of law are ratified by the shedding blood (Hebrews 9:11-17).

As Christians, we need to remember that we have come to Mount Zion and to a New Law (Hebrews 12:19-29). We have a new dispensation (v. 19-21), we receive a new set of blessings (v. 22-24), we need a new attention (v. 25-27), and we must maintain a new obedience (v. 28-29).

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Five Elements of Law

1. Mediator

2. People

3. Book

4. Blood

5. Fellowship

* See also:

Heb. 7:22;

12:24; 13:20

The Old Law

Exodus 24

Moses

Jews Only

Old Covenant

Sacrifices

Eat and drink

Mt. 26:28

The New Law

Hebrews 8-10

Jesus

All People

New Covenant*

Cross of Christ

Body of Christ

2 Cor. 3:6-18