

God's 2 Covenants: the first is Law we can't keep, the second is Christ in us

Heb 8:10 **This new covenant...isn't going to be written on paper** (me, trying to keep MSGE the words of my Bible), **isn't going to be chiseled in stone** (as were the 10 commandments); **This time I'm writing out the covenant in them...on...their hearts** (Bible words lifted off the pages by My Spirit and implanted in their spirits)

John 1:17 **...The law** (the written word) **was given by Moses, but grace and truth** (the written word brought to life in our hearts) **came by** (came as) **Jesus Christ**.

Gal 3:24 **The law** (written rules) **was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ** (living words now in us giving us both the will to and the power to fulfill them); KJV

Col 3:16 **Let the word of Christ (which is Christ) live in you richly in all wisdom...**

Eph 3:17 **So that Christ may live in your hearts by faith** (as we believe His words); **so that you are rooted and grounded in love** (because Christ, God, is love)...

Rom 13:10 **Love** (Christ in us, by His words) **does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law** (we can't live this way, only God alive in us can)

Christians newborn under the new covenant try to patch that onto an old garment of law

Luke 5:36 (Jesus) **No one puts a piece from a new garment** (the new birth of Christ in us under the new covenant) **onto an old one** (the old covenant of law) **otherwise the new makes a tear, also the new piece does not match the old.**

When newborn Christians come under the influence of religious spirits, they become religious. By abstaining from a few outward major sins and doing a few of the outward things required by the law, they see themselves as righteous, but its worthless with God:

Luke 18:11-13 **The Pharisee prayed: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'** But the tax collector...prayed "God have mercy on me a sinner". Only the tax collector went home righteous.

The Pharisee trusted self-righteousness; the tax collector needed God's righteousness:

Isa 64:6 **We are all infected and impure with sin. When we put on our prized robes of righteousness, we find they are but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves we fade, wither and fall. And our sins, like the wind, sweep us away.** TLB

Gal 5:4 **You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be made righteous by** (presuming that you keep the) **law; you have fallen from grace.**

The law and therefore sin will control us until we believe we have died to it with Christ

Rom 7:6 **But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.**

Rom 6:11 **Believe yourselves to be dead in fact to sin, but alive to God in Christ...**