

The Relationship Between Old and New

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If you look in your Bible between Malachi and Matthew, the division is as clear as it can be. Inserted between the two books you will find a page bearing the title "New Testament" or "New Covenant." Even in the Table of Contents this distinction is prominent. However, for many people, this distinction represented by a tiny page in their Bibles holds little if any meaning in a real way. They are as likely to consider what Moses said to answer a question about what God expects of them as to look to the apostle Paul. In questions of polygamy and marriage, they may turn to Abraham and David as readily as to Jesus and Paul's discussions (Matt. 19: 1-12; Eph. 5:22-33). In some cases, people will pit portions of the Old Covenant against portions of the New Covenant whenever it might bolster their own position. All of this illustrates that people do not understand properly the relationship between the two.

The New Covenant continues the same plot and themes established in the Old Covenant. As the Old Covenant presents the problem of sin, the New Covenant delivers the answer for sin. The Old Covenant ends with prophecies of what lies in the future, and the New Covenant begins with the fulfillment of those prophecies. While the Old Covenant records where Jews and Gentiles were divided, the New Covenant shows how and where they are united. The Old Covenant demonstrates the spiritual history of man and his sinfulness, while the New Covenant shows us the potential of man as seen in the life of Jesus Christ. The Old Covenant introduces the Mosaic Law, but the New Covenant demonstrates the fulfillment of that law (Mt. 5:17; Col. 2:14) and the establishment of the New (Rom. 8: 1-4). The Old Covenant promises something better to come upon the earth, while the New Covenant fulfills that promise and promises something better beyond this earth (1 J n. 2:25). As such, the Old Covenant was part of God's purpose in preparing mankind, but its role was not permanent. The New Covenant, on the other hand, built upon the eternal principles God had established throughout the Old Covenant and provided a new and better Covenant that is designed for the rest of time.

Therefore, we do not appeal to the Old Covenant for authority on what we do to please God today because we have something better. However, that does not mean that the Old Covenant serves no purpose. Throughout the New Testament, the writers refer to incidents and people in the Old Testament for examples. "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come" (1 Cor. 10: 11). Indeed, a thorough knowledge of the Old Testament is essential to understand in any depth and with any real meaning the message of the New. Therefore, the Old Testament still serves a purpose; it is just not the same purpose it had originally. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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Updates:

Butts Sumner had surgery Aug. 8. It's called microvascular decompression surgery of the trigeminal nerve. He was discharged Friday Aug. 10. He is now experiencing headaches as a result of the surgery but the doctors are hopeful these will resolve as he recovers.

Wilma Patterson continues to see the doctor about her eye problem. She saw the doctor on Monday Aug. 13. She has some healing, however, right now the doctor wants to continue with antibiotics, steroids, and medicated contacts. She has some "hazing" in her right eye. She goes back to the doctor tomorrow.

Ray & Bev McArthur Ray is suffering with stomach issues and Bev is traveling to California to visit her oldest daughter.

Mildred Lynum was taken to NFMMC Tuesday with a possible stroke.

Peggy Golias Let's continue to pray for her. She is hoping to be out of the hospital soon and getting back to a rehab facility.

Vanessa, daughter of former member here Cyndi Lewis, has an infection in her wisdom teeth.

Jada Grubbs, Wayne & Sherry's youngest granddaughter, had tests Aug. 7 to check out a lump in her neck. It turns out the lump in her neck isn't a problem but she has a blocked sinus and has to go see an ENT doctor.

Ivey Shoemaker, Tony & Eglia Grana's great granddaughter, is home and is continuing to undergo tests.

Carol Jones is asking for prayers for the following acquaintances of hers dealing with health problems, **Dean**, and also **Jim & Edith Faery**.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Aug. 19 Today. Men's Business Meeting

Aug. 25 Ladies Monthly Devotional. Saturday Aug. 25 at Noon, instead of Friday evening. See below

Aug. 25 5th Annual Garden Party 11 AM - 2 PM Linwood church of Christ Please see posting.

Sep. 03 Labor Day

Sep. 04 Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class resumes. 10 AM here at the building.

Ladies Monthly Devotional

Saturday Aug. 25th at Noon, instead of Friday evening.

Devotional and picnic at Sherry Carter's house.

Just bring yourself - food will be provided - hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans.

This is an outside event. In case of bad weather it will be canceled.



A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out Monday morning to prepare the latest issue of House to House/Heart to Heart. Your servant hearts are appreciated. The new issue was mailed last week to 1,027 homes in the LaSalle community. Make sure you pick up a copy to read and share with friends and family. Please continue to pray for hearts to be opened in the LaSalle community.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Book of James

Sermon Topic Today: *The Hearts of Humankind*

Scripture Reading: *Zechariah 8:1-3*

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Samuel

TODAY

Announcements	Rodney Jones
Song Leader	Marvis Garrett
Direct Communion	Ray McArthur
Serve	Rodney Jones
Serve	Noah Bennett
Serve	Rick Fees
Clean Trays	Cora Parson

Ladies Bible Class

The 10:00 AM Tuesday morning ladies Bible class resumes on September 4th with 'Gems in Genesis' from the Christian Woman magazine. Please join us as we start the coming year of study with a worship and praise session. We pray spirits will be lifted and minds prepared to readily receive God's messages.

See Audrey Dailey to obtain a copy of the lesson so you can be prepared to join the bible study discussion. Lessons are \$3.

Message from Carol Jones

Praising God always for the contributions on behalf of the V.A. Your continued efforts for this ministry is greatly appreciated.



Read Me

Thinking of You Card

Please sign the card on the back table for Mildred Lynum. Thank you.



Please check the "Love One Another" and "Answered Prayers" boards in the back of the auditorium.