

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

JESUS AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore, anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:17-20, NIV)

(17) Jesus didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the Old Testament.

(18) Everything in the \_\_\_\_\_ was still \_\_\_\_\_.

(19) Their standing with God was based on \_\_\_\_\_.

(20) Adherence to Torah must exceed the \_\_\_\_\_ they could even imagine.

*"I \_\_\_\_\_ and have \_\_\_\_\_ everything in The Law."  
—Jesus Matt 5:17;18; John 5:39*

The new covenant is based on \_\_\_\_\_,  
not \_\_\_\_\_. Jer 31:31-34

The new covenant doesn't change God's standard,  
but it does change its \_\_\_\_\_. Gal 3:24-25

The new covenant is not about trying to move closer  
to God but how \_\_\_\_\_.

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What thought from the message was most challenging to you?

How is God calling you to respond to the message?

What questions remain for you about the message?

What is God teaching you these days?

What would you like the group to join you in praying about?

Will you try to memorize the SOTM?

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(17) Jesus didn't ABOLISH the Old Testament.

(18) Everything in the TORAH was still IN PLAY.

(19) Their standing with God was based on OBSERVING TORAH.

(20) Adherence to Torah must exceed the HIGHEST LEVEL they could even imagine.

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The new covenant is based on FORGIVENESS,  
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