THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW AND THE CHRISTIAN: Repudiating, Replacing, and Reappropriating Mosaic Instruction for New Covenant Saints Jason S. DeRouchie, PhD

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1. Introduction

- a. Some contemporary challenges
 - i. Legalism
 - ii. Anti-nomianism
 - iii. Anti-Old Testament all together

b. Our goal

2. The biblical authors *repudiate* the Mosaic law covenant (Rom 7:10; 2 Cor 3:7, 9; Gal 3:12; cf. Rom 3:20, 28; 4:5, 15; 5:20; Gal 3:19).

3. The biblical authors *replace* the old covenant law of Moses with the new covenant law of Christ (Rom 7:6; 1 Cor 9:20–21; Gal 3:23–26; Gal 6:2; Jas 1:25; 2:8, 12).

4. The biblical authors *reappropriate* the old covenant law of Moses when teaching the new covenant law of Christ (Deut 30:8; Matt 5:17–19; Rom 2:14–15, 26–29; 15:4; 2 Tim 3:16; cf. Rom 13:9; 1 Cor 9:7–9; Eph 6:1–3; 1 Tim 5:18; 1 Pet 1:15–16).

a. Christ is the lens for rightly reappropriating Mosaic law:

- i. Maintains
- ii. Transforms
- iii. Extends
- iv. Annuls

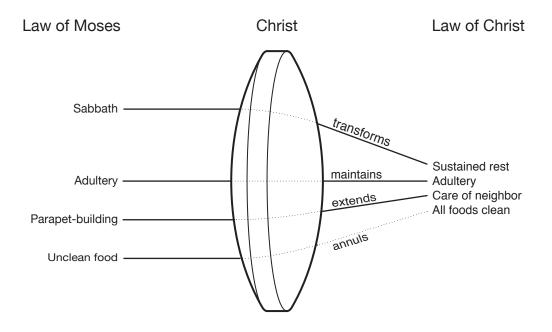


Figure 1. The Law's Fulfillment Through the "Lens" of Christ

b. Synthesis of the Mosaic law's lasting relevance:

- i. The Mosaic law portrays the character of God (Lev 20:26; Rom 7:12; 1 Pet 1:16–17).
- ii. The Mosaic law anticipates Christ as the perfect law keeper, who became righteousness for us (Rom 5:19; 8:3–4; 2 Cor 5:21; Phil 2:8; Heb 5:8).
- iii. The Mosaic law clarifies the makeup of love and wise living (Matt 7:12; 22:37–40; Rom 13:8–10).

5. Summary

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