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## BIBLE TALK

Question: How does the *gospel* relate to the *law* spoken of in the Bible?

Answer: God has never left His people without a law. He gave instructions to the family heads like Adam, Noah, Abraham, etc. On Mt. Sinai, God gave Moses the first written law which served well for its time and purpose (Rom. 7:4, 12-13). God had planned His final revelation, of which He spoke in the Old Covenant, which was to be universal and eternal (Isa. 2:1-3). Those things that were written before were to teach us patience and comfort for living the Christian life today (Rom. 15:4).

The Law of Moses was inadequate, being only a shadow of the perfect yet to come (Heb. 10:1). It was limited in *subjects* in that it was given only to the Jews and walled off the Gentiles (Eph. 2:12-22). The law was limited in its *purpose* in that it was designed to bring only physical blessings. It served as a "tutor" or "schoolmaster" to help prepare the Jews for the New Law (Gal. 3:23-29). This law was not to save the world but to merely bring the world to the Savior. It was limited in its *power* in that it did not bring salvation but made preparation for that which could bring forgiveness of sins (Gal. 2:21).

The giver of the new was greater (Heb. 3:1-6), having a more powerful High Priest (Heb. 4:14-16), with greater sacrifices (Heb. 9:19-28). Christ fulfilled the Law (Mt. 5:17), taking it out of the way (Col. 2:13-14). We then conclude that we are no longer under that law, but are to respond to the gospel (Gal. 3:25; Rom. 8:2). Christ is of no affect if we strive to be justified by the law (Gal. 5:4). God has told us to hear Christ's word, the gospel, and obey it (Matt. 17:5).

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