

part 4

Christ Changed Everything

Why Don't We Have to Keep All Those Old Testament Ceremonies?




1. Be Assured, Christ _____ (vv.1-11)

A) His _____ Fulfilled All the _____ Rules
Because They Were _____!

B) His _____ Fulfilled All the _____ Rules
Which He Can Now _____!


2. Be Careful How You _____ (vv.9-11)


A) The _____ Have Been _____ with Christ!

 The Ceremonies Themselves are now _____

 You Cannot Not _____

 You Dare Not _____

 As You Read Them, Look for the _____

 As You Read Them, Draw the _____

B) The _____ Were Fulfilled, Yet _____ by Christ!

 Let Them _____

 With God's _____

Hebrews 9:1-11

¹ Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. ² A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. ³ Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, ⁴ which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. ⁵ Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now. ⁶ When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. ⁷ But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. ⁸ The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing. ⁹ This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. ¹⁰ They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order. ¹¹ When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. With the Old Testament in view Paul writes in 2 Timothy 3:16 that "all Scripture" is "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." Elsewhere Paul writes in Romans 10:4 that "Christ is the end of law." After this weekend's sermon, how do you harmonize the profitable study of the old covenant and Christ's fulfillment of old covenant?
2. Read **Deuteronomy 6:1-3**. When you begin to understand the breadth of "all" the old covenant's demands and requirements, how does it change your perspective on Christ's accomplishment of it on your behalf?
3. Read **Matthew 3:13-15**. Consider how Christ had us in mind when he did things like this. How does this text change the way you think about Jesus' choices during his earthly ministry?
4. How can our modern "unwritten rituals" begin to threaten our trust in Christ?
5. How has this week's sermon helped to modify or enhance the way you will read the Old Testament in the future?
6. Write out a prayer of thanksgiving for Christ's fulfillment of all of God's requirements.

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

November 5th

Ezk. 15-16 & Titus

November 6th

Ezk. 17-18 & Phile.

November 7th

Ezk. 19-20 & Heb. 1

November 8th

Ezk. 21-22 & Heb. 2

November 9th

Ezk. 23-24 & Heb. 3

November 10th

Ezk. 25-26 & Heb. 4

November 11th

Ezk. 27-28 & Heb. 5

November 12th

Ezk. 29-30 & Heb. 6

Today's sermon will be recorded and available on CD at the Focal Point Ministry window in the lobby immediately following the conclusion of today's service. Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 9740 – **Bible Study Isn't Enough** (John 5:39-40)

CD # 0611 – **Striving for Punctual Spiritual Growth** (Hebrews 5:11-14)

CD # 0631 – **Why Don't We Have Priests?** (Hebrews 7:1-28)

CD # 0632 – **Why Don't We Have a Temple?** (Hebrews 8:1-5)

CD # 0633 – **Why Did We Need a New Covenant Anyway?** (Hebrews 8:6-13)

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon. (To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

Chisholm, Robert. **From Exegesis to Exposition: A Practical Guide to Using Biblical Hebrew**. Baker Books, 1998.

Fabarez, Mike. "Study Your Passage with Life-Change in Mind" in **Preaching That Changes Lives**. Wipf & Stock, 2005.

Goldingay, John E. **Models for Interpretation of Scripture**. Clements Publishing, 2004.

Goldsworthy, Graeme. **Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture**. Eerdmans, 1988.

Greidanus, Sidney. **Preaching Christ from the Old Testament: A Contemporary Hermeneutical Method**. Eerdmans, 1999.

Kaiser, Walter C. and Moisés Silva. **An Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics**. Zondervan, 1994.

Klien, William et al. **Introduction to Biblical Interpretation**. Word, 1993.

Stein, Robert H. **A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible: Playing By the Rules**. Baker Books, 1994.

Virkler, Henry A. **Hermeneutics: Principles and Processes of Biblical Interpretation**. Baker Books, 1981.

Wenham, Gordon. **The Book of Leviticus. New International Commentary of the Old Testament**. Eerdmans, 1994.

Zuck, Roy B. **Basic Biblical Interpretation**. Victor Books, 1991.