A Living Revelation of God vs. A Letter Written in Stone
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Scriptures:

- John 1:1, 2, 14
- 2 Corinthians 3:6
- John 10:30
- John 14:9
- 1 John 1:1
- Hebrews 4:15
- Romans 1:18
- Galatians 4:9
- Galatians 4:9, *NLT*
- Genesis 14:1-24
- Hebrews 7:1-28
- Hebrews 10:1
- John 5:39
- Titus 2:11-13
- Romans 6:14

Summary:
Anyone wanting to know God's nature need only to behold Jesus Christ. Not only is Christ the image of God's Word in the flesh, but He's also the perfect reflection of the Father, in human form. Jesus is the expression of God specifically revealed in a way that let's us can understand God's love, mercy, and compassion. Jesus is life and brings life to us; by comparison, the Law of Moses, which can't reveal Jesus, brings death. This radical shift from Old-Testament law to New-Testament grace impacts all areas of our life; even in our financial giving. Unlike the old covenant, God now wants our hearts, not just our service. Letting Jesus influence what goes on in our hearts enables us to keep the law with the right motives.

Notes:

1. Jesus Christ is the perfect expression of God's nature; He's God's Word in human form. The Old-Testament Law of Moses is composed of letters written and engraved in stone. By contrast, Jesus empowers us to minister the New Testament to others, with help from the Holy Spirit.
2. Jesus brings life, and allows us to experience God in ways the law is incapable of doing. The Ten Commandments were engraved in stone; stone is a dead material unable to give life. It can't touch the hearts of men, or be touched by the infirmities of a man.
3. Everything in the Old Testament pointed to Jesus; He brought grace and truth to man. Grace isn't a license to sin; its goal is to motivate us to live godly. Despite our efforts to keep the law, it can never teach us what grace can.

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