

Understanding Before and After the Cross Truths (Part 2)
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Scripture References:

2 Timothy 2:15, <i>AMPC</i>	Hebrews 4:3, 11, 16	1 Timothy 2:5, <i>NLT</i>
Romans 6:14	Leviticus 5:17	John 14:6
Matthew 22:29, <i>NIV</i>	Hebrews 9:9	Deuteronomy 28:1-13, <i>NLT</i>
Colossians 2:8, <i>NIV</i>	Hebrews 8:6, 12	Hebrews 3:18, 19, <i>NKJV</i>
Deuteronomy 11:26	Hebrews 9:15, 28, <i>NLT</i>	Galatians 5:7, <i>NLT</i>
Galatians 3:1, 13, 14	Hebrews 8:8-11, <i>NLT</i>	Galatians 5:1
Romans 4:8	Deuteronomy 6:25	Romans 6:1-6, 16-19, <i>NKJV</i>
Romans 4:1-8, <i>NLT</i>	Romans 5:17, 18, <i>NLT</i>	Titus 2:11-13
Exodus 19:12	Romans 8:1, <i>NLT</i>	
Ephesians 2:13, 14	Job 9:32, 33, <i>NLT</i>	

Summary:

Much has changed from the old covenant to the new covenant; because of what Jesus did on the cross, what was true under the law may no longer be true under grace. In the Old Testament, man's performance was the deciding factor in whether or not God was able to bless him; in the New Testament, our faith in Christ—not our acts—positions us to receive the blessings already made available to us. We no longer have to strive to be saved, blessed, righteous, or forgiven; Jesus has made available to us everything we could ever want or need in life.

Notes:

1. Just because we're under grace doesn't mean the Ten Commandments are no longer valid. The difference is that now the Holy Spirit administers them. Rules and regulations couldn't do what the Spirit does, which is to change people's hearts.
2. Before the cross, the people were blessed only when they obeyed; after the cross, we're blessed because we're God's redeemed. Before the cross, God was distant and unapproachable to the people; after the cross, we've been brought near to Him. Before the cross, God held man accountable for his sins; after the cross, we have redemption and forgiveness of sins because of Jesus' blood.
3. Before the cross, the focus was on "Thou shalt not." After the cross, God's focus shifted to "I will." Under the old covenant, man served God; under the new covenant, God takes care of us.
4. Under the new covenant, blessings are part of our inheritance because we've been given the gift of the perfect obedience of Jesus Christ. God now considers our belief, not our actions, as obedience.

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