

If That Which Was Done Away Was Glorious

I. Introduction:

A. The Law of Moses and the system therein was never perfect (**Romans 8:1-3** and **Hebrews 7:11-28**).

1. The Law of Moses did not save for it could not justify anyone (**Acts 13:38-39**, **Galatians 3:10-12**, and **Galatians 3:21-29**).

2. Thankfully, Christ brought something else (**John 1:17**).

B. Before we get into this lesson that could bring about many points, think how...

1. The faithful of old loved a law that could not save them (**Psalms 119:97; 113; 163**)?

2. How much greater should we love the words of Christ and keep them (**John 14:21**)?

3. What happens if we don't love the new law (**II Thessalonians 2:10**)?

II. Body: Much More That Which Remaineth (**II Corinthians 3:3-18**).

A. A law not meant for tables of stone (**Exodus 34:1**), but for the hearts of believers (**Romans 6:17; 10:6-17**).

1. Working in a certain type of heart (**Luke 8:15**).

2. His word that should indwell us (**Colossians 3:16** and **II John 1:2**).

3. Now think about this... The Old Law (as incomplete and hopeless as it was) was effective on hearts (**Psalms 37:30-31**), what should the word of hope that is meant to work on hearts do in our hearts (**James 1:21-27**)?

B. A glorious law of hope that brought what the "old" could not (**Hebrews 8:1-13**).

1. Those under the old law hoped in the word (**Psalms 119:114**), but the real hope was a hidden mystery to them now revealed to us (**Colossians 1:27** and **I Peter 1:3-13**).

2. Think about how the hope we have in Christ should motivate us (**Romans 12:11-12**, **Colossians 1:23**, **I Thessalonians 1:3**, **Hebrews 3:6**, **Hebrews 6:9**, and **I John 3:1-3**).

C. A glorious law of liberty (**James 1:25; 2:12**).

1. Freedom from a hopeless, restrictive law (**Galatians 5:1-4**).

2. Freedom from sin (**Romans 6:15-23**).

D. A law that changes us into the image [likeness; representation; resemblance] of the Lord (**Colossians 3:1-10**).

1. An ability to become a new person (**II Corinthians 5:14-17; 6:14-7:1**).

2. Restored to what God created man to be (**I Peter 1:13-16**; cf. **Genesis 1:26-27**).

III. Conclusion: We live under a glorious law (**I Timothy 1:8-16**).