

## Understanding New-Testament Obedience

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### Scripture References:

- Deuteronomy 28:1-13
- Deuteronomy 11:26-28
- James 2:10
- Matthew 5:17, 18
- Romans 5:15, 18, 19
- Galatians 2:16, *NLT*
- Philippians 3:1-11, *NLT*
- Hebrews 3:18, 19, *NKJV*
- Hebrews 4:3, 11, *NKJV*
- John 6:28, 29
- Mark 7:13
- 1 John 2:5
- 1 John 2:5, *NLT*
- Hebrews 5:9, *NLT*
- Acts 5:32, *NLT*
- Galatians 3:1

### Summary:

*There has been a major shift from the old covenant of the law to the new covenant of grace as far as what it means to obey. Previously, obedience occurred first with the people's actions; now, it occurs first with our belief. Understanding and benefitting from God's new and living way requires that we simply trust in Him, without mixing the law with grace.*

### Notes:

1. Faith isn't required to live under the law, only strict obedience by following all the rules.
2. Under the law, God demanded perfect performance in order for people to receive blessings; breaking even one commandment voided all of the blessings and brought down all of the curses onto a person.
3. We now demonstrate our obedience by believing in Christ and in what He did for us. Because of what Adam did in the garden of Eden, men were subsequently born as sinners; because of what *Jesus* did on the cross, we can now be made righteous.
4. Our faith, not our actions, brings us into rest; right-believing equals right-living.
5. Under grace, God sees unbelief as disobedience. The only thing that can now send us to hell is not believing in and rejecting Jesus as the final payment for our sins.

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