

This Way Up

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Law or Spirit 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

I. THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST

Our confidence before God comes from Christ who lives His life in and through us; it does not come from our own abilities.

II. THE SERVANTS OF CHRIST

There are two types of service: the old of obedience to the Law; or the new of life through the Spirit.

III. THE SURPASSING GLORY OF CHRIST

- The Law was given by God through Moses for His earthly people Israel; the Spirit was given by God through Christ for His heavenly people the Church.
- The Law revealed sin and resulted in condemnation and death for the Israelite; life through the Spirit results in a vibrant righteousness of the Christian before God.
- The glory of the new, which is in reality the glory of Christ, so far exceeds the glory of the old, the Law, that it as if the old had no glory at all.

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Application

There is much confusion in Christendom regarding the place of the Law of Moses in the life of the Christian. Be careful on your source of teaching on this.

Many Christians feel they are pleasing God and attaining favour with God through keeping of certain aspects of the moral Law. They are not!

The person who finds favour with God is the born again believer who is experiencing death of self and the life of the Holy Spirit. This is God's process of gradually making you more and more like Christ.

Questions:

1. Do you believe it?
2. Does your life show it?
3. What is the process by which you personally allow the Holy Spirit to live His life in and through you?