

Happy New Era

“In Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away...all things are become new”

Believers are now joined to “*a new and living way*”. In Christ, they are dead to and delivered from the law but alive unto God. God took away the first to establish the second (Heb. 10:9, 20). The two testaments do not function together. The law of Moses is replaced by the grace of our Lord Jesus under which we live (Rom. 6:14). The Jewish law ordinances were nailed to the cross and replaced by the risen Christ’s headship (Col. 2:10-19). The Lamb replaced the lambs. The life giving Spirit in the tables of the heart replaced the tables of stone – law to love (Rom. 7:4-6). The inheritance by being in Israel is replaced by being in Christ (church) – “*one new man*”. Blessing has replaced cursing.

Here is a list of some things that God instructed in the Old Testament era (law) that are now both obsolete and instructed differently in the New Testament church.

Old – The Sabbath day as a weekly covenant sign Ex. 31:12-18 (Col. 2:16)

New – The first day of the week to take the cup (covenant sign) Acts 20:27 / 1Cor. 11:25, 16:2,

Old – Priests and non-priests (clergy and laity) Num. 18:1-7

New - All believers are priests; holy and clean by Christ’s blood. Rev. 1:5, 6

Old – Only ordained male priests ministered in the house of God Heb. 9:6 / Lev. 6:16-18

New – All male believers can orally function in the church meeting 1Cor. 14:26-37

Old – Sight and Sound to evoke praise 2Chron. 7:1-7

New – Our redemption by Christ’s sacrificial blood evokes praise and worship Rev. 5:9-14

Old – Choir or Praise and Worship Teams 1Chron. 25:1-7 / 2Chron. 29:25-30

New – All, when filled with the Spirit, are able to sing unto the Lord Eph. 5:18-20 / Col. 3:16

Old – Incense for ministering by priests Ex. 30:7, 34-38

New – Prayers in the Spirit by all believers Psa. 141:2 / Rom. 8:26-27 / Rev. 5:8

Old – Religious Vestments Ex. 28

New – Robes of Righteousness Rom. 3:22 / Rev. 19:8

Old – Special Holydays to be observed: Passover, etc. Lev. 23

New – “Christ our Passover” and holy life-style 1Cor. 5:7-8 / Gal. 4: 9-11 / Col. 2:14-17

Old – Religious headquarters: High Priest on earth – Jerusalem Ex. 29:1-7 / 1Kings 11:36

New – High Priest and Head in heaven – heavenly Jerusalem Heb. 4:17, 12:22 / Eph. 1:20-23

Old – A physical sanctuary (the building – temple) Ex. 25:8

New – A spiritual sanctuary (the people – the church) Acts 7:48 / 1Cor. 3:16, 17 / 1Peter 2:5

By faith go in Christ’s liberty to a new way for a new day, never backward to legalism.