

## The Glory of the Gospel of Grace

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What are biblical reasons that lead us to the conclusion that Christians do not live under the obligations of the Old Covenant?

1. Because of who we're not — we're not Old Testament Israel
  2. Because of who we are — we are a New Covenant people, the Church
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Why studying Deuteronomy?

1. Deuteronomy is the Old Testament book that Jesus quoted the most
  2. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable (2 Tim 3:16)
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In what way is Deuteronomy profitable for us?

1. It reveals our sinfulness and our need for a Savior
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What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." - Romans 7:7, NIV

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2. It reveals to us the character and wisdom of God
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3. It points us to Jesus
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Luke 24:27 — Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself

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Luke 24:44 — "Then [Jesus] said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled'."

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John 1:45 — Phillip said to Nathanael, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth.”

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Acts 28:23b — “From morning till evening [Paul] expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.”

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*“If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.”* Philipians 3:4b-6, ESV

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### **Romans 3**

- A. No one can be justified by keeping God’s Law (v.9-20)
  - B. Anyone can be justified through faith in Jesus who perfectly kept God’s Law (v.21-30)
  - C. Everyone who has been justified through faith in Jesus has had God’s Law kept for them and has been given the Holy Spirit who helps us live out the intent of God’s Law (v.31)
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“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Mt 22:37-40, NIV