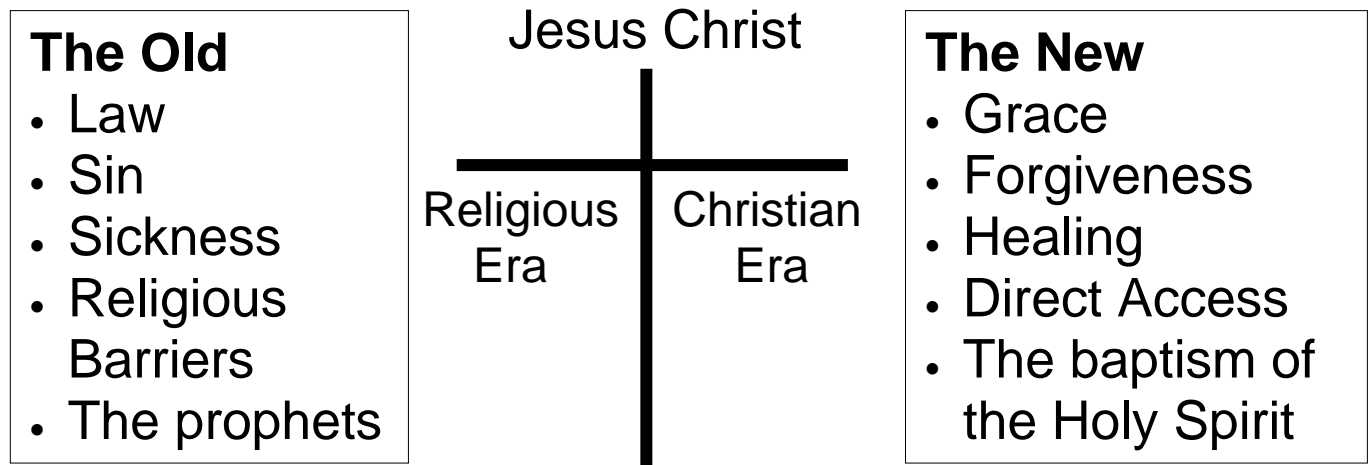


# The Old vs The New

*2 Corinthians 5:17 (cev) Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.*

The cross of Jesus is the bridge that takes us from the **old** and into the **new**.



- The cross of Jesus is the starting line for the Christian.

*Galatians 2:20 (niv) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

- We receive our inheritance in Christ once the old has been put to death.

*Ephesians 1:3 (niv) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

- God's abundant provision for us in Christ is revealed in the Old Testament.
- God's judgment over Egypt is a picture of our redemption. (*Exodus 12:12-13*)
- The judgement that was due to us because of our sin came upon Christ.

*2 Corinthians 5:21 (nlt) For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

- Israel's deliverance from Egypt through the parting of the Red sea illustrates the truth of our deliverance from the kingdom of darkness.

We are no longer slaves to Satan's domain and influence.

*Colossians 1:12-14 (niv) Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. 13: For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, 14: in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

- God intended to bring the Israelites out of Egypt and into the Promised Land.

**Deuteronomy 6:23** (ncv) *The Lord brought us out of Egypt to lead us here and to give us the land He promised our ancestors.*

- The 12 spies report.

**Numbers 13:17** (tlb) *This was their report: “We arrived in the land you sent us to see, and it is indeed a magnificent country - a land ‘flowing with milk and honey...’*

- The Promised Land represents the promise of God’s abundant provision for us found in Christ – our inheritance.
- We are complete in Christ.

**Colossians 2:9-10** (nlt) *For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. 10: So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the Head over every ruler and authority.*

- However, we do need to discover what we have in Christ.

**Ephesians 1:18** (niv) *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people,*

Our inheritance in Christ becomes real in our experience through the knowledge and the

application of this knowledge by faith into our daily experience.

**Question:** Are we products of our **past** or of the **cross**?

- The Israelites are the perfect example of reverting back to the past.

*Numbers 11:4-6 (nkjv) Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat? 5: "We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6: "but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"*

- They began to complain and murmur and God heard them.

*Psalms 106:15 (nkjv) And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.*

Remember, the cross of Jesus is the bridge that takes us from the **old** and into the **new**. The Christian's reference point is always the cross.

**How often do we revert back to the past?**

- To our family of origin and learnt patterns of behaviour
- Generational curses  
*Galatians 3:13 (esv) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...*
- Our culture
- Past sins causing guilt and condemnation

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