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A NEW & BETTER WAY: Foolish Or Faith-Ful? June 7, 2008 Terry Benson

A CRITICAL QUESTION:

“You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?”
Galatians 3:1, 2 (NIV)

Foolish – Living the New Life by WORKING TO PLEASE GOD.

Faith-ful – Living the New Life by BELIEVING THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST _____.

My WORK, or God’s WORK

THE NEW COVENANT

“Consider Abraham: ‘He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham.”
Galatians 3:6, 7 (NIV)

“He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life.”
2 Corinthians 3:6 (NLT)

Comparison of Old & New Covenant from 2 Corinthians 3

Old Covenant	New Covenant
on <u>tablets of stone</u> v. 3)	on <u>human hearts</u> (v. 3)
of the <u>written laws</u> (v. 6)	of the <u>Spirit</u> (v. 6)
ends in <u>death</u> v. 6)	gives <u>life</u> (v. 6)
Its ministry leads to <u>death</u> (v. 7)	life-giving ministry of the <u>Spirit</u> (v. 8)
came with <u>glory</u> v. 7)	Comes with a <u>much greater glory</u> (v. 11)
ministry of <u>condemnation</u> (v. 9)	ministry of <u>righteousness</u> (v. 9)
fading <u>glory</u> v. 11)	<u>ever-increasing glory</u> (v. 18)

MY GUARDIAN OR MY GOD

Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed. Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.
Galatians 3:23-25 (NLT)