



Week 1: The Old Way Pushes Back

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† Engaging God's Word- the essential lens of *context*.

† Revolution/ Counter-Revolution

Romans 3:20-25 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. ²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

† The old and the new
2 Corinthians 5:17

It is this *New Way* of being in relationship with God that the New Testament calls the NEW COVENANT.

† The Covenantal God
Genesis 12:1-3

Key! The Abrahamic Covenant was UNCONDITIONAL

† The Mosaic Covenant
Exodus 19:3-8

Three key things about the Mosaic Covenant:

- First, the LAW was the framework through which Israel would know, obey, and experience the presence of God.
- Second, the Mosaic Covenant was an act of God's GRACE. Through the Law, God gave Israel a means to know Him, to be with Him, and to experience His presence and provision.
- Third, the Mosaic Covenant was CONDITIONAL

† Enter, the Revolution
Galatians 4:4-5, Hebrews 8:13

† The Old Covenant pushes back
Acts 15: 1-5

† The issue! On what basis does a person receive the Grace of God: forgiveness and new life in Christ?
Is it through FAITH in Christ, or faith in Christ PLUS the Law?

† Not just history

Next week's message: Revolution/Counter-Revolution, Week 2: Grace Alone Acts 15:6-11