WHY DID WE NEED A NEW TESTAMENT?

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Why did man need the New Testament?

1. Because the Old Law was taken out of the way (**Col. 2:14**).
   1) Thus, man needed a new law.
   2) Today many try to live under both the O/T and the N/T law (**Gal. 5:4; Rom. 7:1-6**).
2. From the beginning, mankind has been subject to God's law.

B. There have been 3 dispensations: 1. Patriarchal; 2. Mosaical; 3. Christian.

DISCUSSION: WE NEED THE N/T BECAUSE…

I. THE NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLS PROPHESIES.

A. The fulfillment of prophesy is vital.

1. The fulfillment validates a true prophesy.
   1) **Deut. 18:22** "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."
   2) **Matt. 5:17-18** "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."
2. Fulfillment establishes the reliability of God's Word.
   1) **Titus 1:2** "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began"
   2) **Heb. 6:18** "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie…"
3. Note: "it shall come to pass"
   1) **Matt. 5:18** "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."
   2) **Matt. 11:23** "… those things which he saith shall come to pass."

B. Notice some of these prophecies:

1. Christ would come as our Savior.
   1) **Gen. 3:15**.
   2) **Luke 19:10**.
   3) **John 1:36; 1:29** "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."
2. Born of a virgin.
   1) **Isaiah 7:14**.
   2) **Matt. 1:18-23 Vs. 23** "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." **Luke 1:34** "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"
3. Christ was rejected by His own people.
   1) **Isaiah 53:3** "… we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."
   2) **John 1:11** "He came unto his own, and his own received him not."
4. The new law would be taught first at Jerusalem.
   1) **Isaiah 2:1-3**.

2) **Luke 24:47** "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

5. ALL the saved were added to the church.
   1) **Acts 2:47** "… And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."
   2) Just as **Isa. 2**; **Joel 2**, and **Dan. 2** prophesied.
6. Christ spoke of the change in the law (**Matt. 5:21-48**).
   1) Six times He would say "Ye have heard that it hath been said… But I say unto you."
   2) The Old Law was superseded by Christ's words.
7. Jesus spoke of a change in the place of worship.
   1) **Matthew 16:18-19**.
   2) **John 4:21** "Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father."
8. O/T events are made understandable (**Heb. 11 – Heb. 11:7 - c/f Gen. 6**).

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Why Did We Need A New Testament (Part 2).

II. WE NEED THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A. To reveal the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. The gospel must be taught.
   1) **Mark 16:15-16**.
   2) Paul emphasized the importance of the gospel (**Rom. 1:16-17**).
   3) Note **Luke 24:46-47** "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that *repentance and remission of sins* should be preached in his name *among all nations*, *beginning at Jerusalem*." This caused a stir among the Jews. (Different from the O/L.)
   4) This came to pass in **Acts 2 & Acts 10**.
2. Jesus preached "the gospel of the kingdom of God" (**Mark 1:14; Phillip** preached the kingdom **(Acts 8:5, 12).**
3. **Rom. 16:25-27** "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the *revelation of the **mystery** kept secret since the world began but now made manifest*, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen"

B. To reveal God's will through the apostles.

1. The gospel came by revelation **2 Pet. 1:21** "… but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." **2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Tim 4:2-4**.
2. **2 Tim. 2:2** "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

C. Jesus referred to the O/T.

1. **Matt. 19:3-6** "The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall

be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

III. THE N/T IDENTIFIES THE ONLY BLOOD THAT CAN SAVE.

A. Heb. 9:11-15; 10:1-4 "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."

B. The plan of salvation is revealed in the New Testament.

1. The instructions are clear (H/B/R/C/B and faithfulness).
2. **Heb. 5:9**. We are to obey the gospel of Christ (**2 Thess. 1:7-8**).

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Our salvation does not depend on Old Testament doctrine. We must obey the doctrine found in the New Testament.

B. Heb. 1:1-2.