

# Differences In The Old & New Testament Laws

Romans 7:4-7 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become **dead to the law** by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. ... But now we are **delivered from the law**, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except **the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.**

Notice we are “**dead to**” and “**delivered from the law**” that says “**Thou shalt not covet**” - the ten commandment law. So we are no longer under any of the old law, not even the ten commandments. When people hear me say this, they always immediately ask “Does that mean we can kill, steal, and commit adultery today?” The answer is - no it is still a sin to kill, steal, and commit adultery today, but not because the old law forbid it, but because the new testament law forbids it.

## **In Both laws:**

- don't kill Rev 21:8
- don't steal Eph 4:28
- don't commit adultery Gal 5:19-21

## **In the Old law, but not in the New:**

- animal sacrifices John 1:29
- circumcision I Cor 7:19 (circumcision represents all the OT laws)
- Sabbath Col 2:14-17 (other 9 commandments are bound by the New)
- don't eat pork and catfish I Tim 4:3-4

## **In the New law, but not in the Old:**

- believe in Jesus (not just in God) John 3:16
- baptism Mark 16:16
- Lord's Supper I Cor 11:23-26
- others

Heb 7:12, Gal 5:3 - None of the Old Testament law is binding upon us today. We are under the New Testament law exclusively. However we should still study the Old Testament because it greatly helps us understand the New.