

## The New and the Old Matthew 13:44-52

### 1. Treasures New and Old.

#### New and Old Testaments

Matthew 5:17-18 NASB, *“<sup>17</sup>Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”*

#### Grace and Law

John 1:17 NASB, *“For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.”*

- 10 Commandments are the **bare minimum** for Christian behavior.
- Tithing is replaced with **cheerful giving** (2 Cor. 9:7), and **sharing everything** (Acts 4:32).
- Not murdering is replaced by **loving** one's **enemies** (Matt. 5:44).

#### Spirit and the Cross

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.”*

Romans 8:14 NIV, *“Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”*

### 2. Nature of the Kingdom of God:

#### Already and not yet.

Luke 17:21 KJV, *<sup>21</sup>Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

Matthew 16:27 KJV, *“<sup>27</sup>For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”*

Themes of the Kingdom Parables in Matthew 13:

- **Growth**
- **Hidden**
- **Final** Judgment and Separation

**Cross and the Resurrection Living.**

Romans 8:13-14 KJV, “<sup>13</sup>*For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.* <sup>14</sup>*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*”

Galatians 5:16 KJV, “*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*”

- Cross **enables** us to live *beyond* sin.
- The Spirit **empowers** us to live *above* sin.
- The Resurrected Life includes **ongoing conviction** of sin and *repentance*

**Conclusion: Tension of the Old and New.**

2 Timothy 1:7 NIV, “*For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.*”

2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV, “*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*”

**Where are you?**

Celebrating the joy of Jesus Christ but needing the cleansing power of God’s Spirit?

Or

Daily crucifying the flesh and repenting of sin but needing the fullness of Jesus’ joy?

**Memory Verse:**

*Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.*

–Matthew 13:52 NIV