The Gospel & the Covenants

Adam

Genesis 3:15
Original Promise

Covenant Structure

1. Promise
2. Condition
3. Sign

Noah

Genesis 9:8-17

Promise
Never to destroy the earth by flood.
Genesis 9:8-11,15

Condition
Unconditional

Sign
Rainbow
Genesis 9:12-16

Abraham

Genesis 15-17
Everlasting

Promise
Father of multitudes
Genesis 15:1-5

Condition
Faith: Abraham believed
Genesis 15:6

Sign
Circumcision
Genesis 17:10-13

Moses

Promise
A Great Land
Exodus 2:24,25

Condition
Obedience
Exodus 19:7,8

Sign
The Sabbath
Exodus 31:12-18
Exodus 20:8-11

430 year period before Mosaic Covenant is in effect. Galatians 3:17
(Sabbath Not In Effect)

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The Covenant was the 10 Commandment Law

Exodus 34:28 "And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments."
Deut. 4:13 "And He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone."
Also Read: Deut. 9:9-12,15; 10:4; Deut. 5:2-22; 1 Kings 8:9,21

The Old & New Covenants

Jeremiah 31:31,32
"I will make a new covenant…**NOT** like the covenant that I made with their fathers when I took them out of Egypt."

The 10 Commandment Law was never given before Sinai

Deut. 5:2,3 "The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. **The Lord did not make this covenant with our fathers,** but with us." Then He gives the 10 Commandments in verses 6 to 22.

Abraham

"To Abraham were the promises made… the law was 430 years **later**." Gal. 3:16,17

Moses

The Old Covenant had a definite beginning and end

"The law was added **until** the seed should come." Gal. 3:19

"The seed is Christ." Gal. 3:16

New Covenant
Begins
Matt. 26:26-28
"This is my blood of the New Covenant."

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

"Old Covenant" v. 14	**"New Covenant"** v. 6
"On tablets of stone" v. 3	"On the heart" v. 3
"The letter kills" v. 6	"The Spirit gives life" v. 6
"Was glorious" v.7	"Much more glorious" v. 11
"Was passing away" v. 13	"Remains" v. 11
"Ministry of death and condemnation" v. 7, 9	"Ministry of righteousness" v. 9

Galatians 4:21-31

"Abraham had two sons: the one by the bondwoman, the other by the freewoman… which things are symbolic. **For these are the two covenants**: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar. For this **Hagar is Mount Sinai**… Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? **Cast out the bondwoman** and her son, for **the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman**. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free."

The New Covenant

Promise	**Eternal Life to all who believe.** John 3:16
Condition	**Faith.** Rom. 3:21-28
Sign	**Baptism.** Col. 2:11-12 **The Lord's Supper.** 1 Cor. 11:25, Luke 22:20, Mark 14:24

Moses

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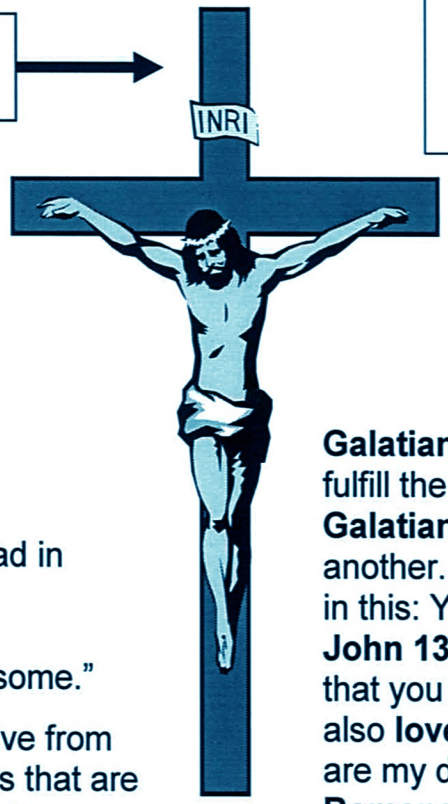

Romans 7:1-6
"Released from the law" v. 2
"Dead to the law through the body of Christ." v. 4
"Delivered from the law" v. 6
Which Law? Look at verse 7 and compare with Exodus 20:17. Read also 1 Timothy 1:6-11.

Keeping the Commandments of God
"What about keeping the commandments of God as we read in Revelation 12:17 and John 14:15?"
1 John 5:3 "For this is the love of God that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."

Now read **1 John 3:22-24** "And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because **we keep His commandments** and do things that are pleasing in His sight. And **this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another**, as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him."

Notice also in **Acts 15:5** this was the very same issue facing the new church. But in verses 28, 29 there is no mention of keeping the Sabbath. The only mention is in verse 21 and is speaking of those who preach Moses, not Christ. Christians were not holding the sign of the covenant of Moses any longer (the Sabbath) nor were they keeping the sign of the Abrahamic covenant, circumcision. (Galatians 5:1-4)

A New Law for Christians

Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the **law of Christ**."
Galatians 5:13,14,18 "…but through love serve one another. For **all the law is fulfilled in one word**, even in this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
John 13:34,35 "**A new commandment** I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also **love one another**. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
Romans 13:10 "Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore **love is the fulfillment of the law**."

Colossians 2:16,17 "Let no one judge you… regarding festival or new moon or **sabbaths**, which **are a shadow** of things to come, but **the substance is of Christ**."
Note: The LXX (the Septuagint) translation of "Sabbaths" in Exodus 20:8 is the same as Col. 2:16.
Hebrews 3:17-4:11 Christ is the Sabbath rest. A new day, **"TODAY"** is the gospel rest. Hebrews 4:7
Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me… and **I will give you rest**… you will find rest for your souls."