

The true Jew is not Jewish and not Gentile. He or she is “a new man,” old things have passed away - all things have become new. Simply a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Everything written in the Law is profitable for doctrine, teaching, and training in righteousness. The whole “new testament” is built upon the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms. Jesus did not come to abolish the Law, but to **fulfill** it (Matthew 5:17). In fact, He IS the Living “Torah” or Law (John 1:1,14). There is only ONE testament. There is only One Living God.

This fulfillment of the Law begins with **His perfect sacrifice**. By believing in the sacrifice of Jesus, the need for the Aaronic priesthood and the blood of bulls and goats is no longer required (Hebrews 10:4). The “better covenant” is so-termed because it fulfills the requirements of the Law in Messiah (Hebrews 8:6). *This in no way means that we cannot learn from understanding what the Law says about sacrifice. It does mean that the requirement of the Law is satisfied with regard to sacrifice.* This is the central teaching of Hebrews. Jesus’ covenant is better than angels, better than Moses, better than Aaron. He created the angels, fulfilled Moses’ (Yahweh’s) requirement for blood, and became our perfect High Priest - taking away the need for the Aaronic priesthood to offer the blood of bulls and goats (Hebrews 7:27).

Like the need for **sacrifice** being fulfilled in Christ, the need for circumcision has also been met through faith. A circumcised heart is the mark of a true Jew (Romans 2:29), and to make a converted Gentile live like a Jew would be as faulty as trying to make a Jew to live like a Gentile. The promises and purposes belong to the Jews, and we have been “grafted in” to their story through faith. This is why Paul goes to such pains to explain the “law of faith” in Galatians (Romans 3:27), contrasting the bondwoman with the free woman. But Jew and Gentile alike find their home in the **One New Man**. True Jews, circumcised in heart and guided in conscience by the Spirit of the Living God (Hebrews 9:14).

Because physical **circumcision** was the sign of the covenant for the Jews, but heart circumcision for true Jews. The Law’ required sacrifices were completed in Christ and the 613 Laws of the Torah continue to explain righteousness (Matthew 5:18; Romans 7:18; 1 Timothy 1:8). But the substance belongs to Christ. The Hebrew “copies” find their fullness in the One who is the Great High Priest - Yeshua, Son of God. This in no way means the Tabernacle and the Temple and everything in them are not “profitable for doctrine.” It does, however, mean that the goal is to make all children of faith, Jew and Gentile, into “true Jews.”

According to Yeshua in Matthew 22, all of the Law flows from two commandments. “One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.” “This is the great and foremost commandment. “The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ “On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

The Ten Commandments were given two times on tablets to Moses at Horeb, and in them we find the guideposts upon which all the Law, Psalms, and the prophets hinge. These guideposts lead us to Messiah, and our birth into the spiritual family of “one new man.” Through the foundation of His eternal Word and His written Law upon our hearts, our consciences are renewed day by day - as **true Jews of the Spirit through the law of faith**. Read Galatians 6:16!