

“For They Shall All Know Me”

Developing a New Covenant Relationship with God

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1. This depiction of lady justice illustrates a few things we'd like to avoid when it comes to our spiritual life.
2. The balance: What you've done will be weighed exactly against the standard.
3. The blindfold: You can't get out of it because you're special.
4. The sword: If the balance finds you guilty, consequences will follow.
5. But, God arranged His plan specifically so He could show mercy
6. It's hard for us to understand, because we're used to how our justice system works.
7. Governments seek out the wrong-doers for the expressed purpose of bringing them to justice.
8. Our Lord sought out wrong-doers to help them avoid the justice they deserve.

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1. We sometimes try to shoehorn every instance of the word 'law' into meaning simply the Law of Moses.
2. Why do we do that? Because there are many so-called 'Christians' who would say that you don't have to do good works to go to heaven.
3. These people misunderstand the word 'law' to mean that *any* attempt to do good works is futile and has no bearing on whether or not you enter heaven.
4. So, to combat that, we say, 'Well, these passages are talking about the Law of Moses, not just doing good works in general'.
5. But, if we treat the word 'law' as meaning simply the Law of Moses, we are taking large chunks of the New Testament and saying, "That doesn't apply to me."
6. Paul in particular uses the term 'law' to fill a bigger concept. And, it *does*, I believe, have application for us.

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