



# ***The Simple Church***

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### **COMPARING AND CONTRASTING THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS**

- Second Corinthians 3:5-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- The Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_
- The New Testament \_\_\_\_\_
- A Different Covenant \_\_\_\_\_
- Christ, the End of the Law \_\_\_\_\_
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- The backdrop of the New Testament OT quoted over 700 times in NT
- The OT points to Jesus Christ see Jn. 5:39; Ac. 3:22-24
- The OT is Reliable History the OT tells the archeologist where to dig
- The OT gives both good and bad examples see 1Cor. 10:1-11 and Heb. 11:1-39
- The NT encourages us to know the OT see Rom. 15:4
- The OT is better than an eyewitness see 2Pet. 1:19

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- The three sections of the Tanakh the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings
- The five sections of the Protestant Bible the Law or Pentateuch, History, Poetry, the Major Prophets, and the Minor Prophets

### COMPARING AND CONTRASTING THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

- Second Corinthians 3:5-11 old covenant is of death, the new covenant is of life
- The Old Testament see Gal. 3:19; Col. 2:14; Rom. 4:13-15; Gal. 3:24
- The New Testament see Rom. 8:1-2
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