



## Partakers Of The Promise

Ephesians 3:6 **That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.**

Some say they are New Testament believers only.

Believing that the Old Testament is not for them.

State that the Old is not for Christians today.

This argument is erroneous and heretical.

Old Testament ceremonies and rituals not for us.

This includes feast days, sacrifices and priesthood.

These were only shadows or pictures of the true.

They were only representations until Christ came.

All the outward performances are ended.

Christ's sacrifice and works superseded them.

Hebrews 10:10-12 **By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.**

To cast off the OT on this basis is foolish.

The moral / spiritual content still applies.

It is still there to teach, guide and bless us.

**2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

Peter must be referring to the Old Testament.

Especially since the New did not exist yet.

The Old should be accepted and appropriated.

It is the Scripture Paul speaks of too.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.**

Notice what Paul is talking about.

**Ephesians 3:2-6 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That**

**the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.**

Jew and Gentile Christians are the body of Christ.  
The Old Testament spoke of this fact many times.  
We are to be partakers of the truth with the Jews.  
While the prophecies of the nation are not for us.  
And the ceremonial laws are not for us.  
And the religious observances and feast not for us.  
We uphold the doctrine taught in it.  
We see through the symbolism.  
We understand the significance of its history.  
We share in the promises made to those in faith.

**Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

How would it be possible if we rejected the OT?  
How would we know Christ?  
How would we understand His sacrifice?  
How would we even know God existed?  
Yes, rejection of it is erroneous and heretical.

