

LUKE I Jesus Makes All Things New Text: Luke 5:33–39

A New and Living Way in Christ

–Bill Turner

1. **After WWI a battle field in Belgium... spring, sunny day, no wind, but leaves were falling**
 - a. He noticed the old leaves falling because the power of new growth was emerging
 - b. The War Was Over and a New Era Was Beginning... (R. Kent Hughes, Luke vol.1)
2. **The Spiritual War was Won 2,000 yrs ago on a Hill Outside the Walls of Jerusalem**
 - a. Jesus Death, Burial, and Resurrection Changed Everything...
 - b. The Power of the Resurrection has transformed history & Nothing is the Same (1 Cor 15:21ff)

“According to Paul the Risen One is the first fruits ... of the approaching harvest of the world. That is to say, as the process of death, once the stone has started rolling, can no longer be stopped but changes the whole of world history into one great dance of death, so also can the resurrection of the world once it has started no longer be stopped. It is like the awakening of the spring of the world. The movement cannot cease until the whole creation has become new...” - Karl Heim

I. A QUESTION ABOUT FASTING

A. A QUESTION (v.33) A Questions about Fasting and Eating....

1. There Are MANY Feast Days in the Old Testament Law...

and Each had a purpose: Reminding them to be Thankful to God

- a) So there were many Feast Days Given by God in the Law
- b) And also Naturally there were Wedding Feasts for celebrating a New Life.
- c) Jewish wedding were a time of joy and celebration - sometimes lasting a week!

2. But There Was Only ONE Day in O.T. God called the People to Fast...

—and that was the Day of Atonement. (Lev. 16:24-31)

3. But the Pharisees reversed this...

- a) Instead of fasting only 1 day a year...
- b) They were fasting every week or even twice a week!
- c) And Some Were Even FAKE FASTING by putting ash or dust on their faces to make it look like they had been fasting for days or weeks!

B. AN ANSWER (v.34–35)

1. Jesus make an insightful point: Why would the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them?

2. Jesus Refers to Himself as the Bridegroom

- a) And He compares the Kingdom of God to a Wedding Feast

3. A Wedding is a Time of Celebration – not a Time for Fasting...

- a) It is a Celebration of A New Beginning
- b) A New Life Together
- c) A New Future Together
- d) A New Family Together

C. AN ILLUSTRATION (v.36–39)

1. GARMENTS (v.36) —The Old Cannot Be Patched By the New

- a) The Old Covenant was a perfect Garment for it's intended purpose
But it was old and had reached the end of it's purpose.
- b) Paul Called it the Law of Sin and Death because it pointed out Sin and it's
Consequences which was Death
- c) But Jesus Gives Us Something Entirely New—a Robe of Righteousness
made white by the blood of Jesus
- d) So Christianity is not a patched up Judaism... it is entirely new
so to take what is new and tear it to patch up the old only tears both apart!
- e) The Old Law Could Condemn Sin but it Could Not Save!
The Dynamic Life Force of the New Covenant is Too Powerful to Stay in
the Old Covenant Structures of Levitical Law & Animal Sacrifices

2. WINESKINS (v.37) —The Old Cannot Be Preserved by adding a Little of the New

- a) Goat skins were partially tanned and dried to create wine skins as containers
- b) As Wine ages it releases Carbon Dioxide that causes the wineskins to expand
- c) Over Time they became inflexible & brittle so new wine would cause them to break
- d) Jesus Was Brining New Wine, New Life, New Hope, a New and Living Way ...
- e) The Dynamic Life Force of the New Covenant is Too Powerful to Stay in the Old
Covenant Way of Thinking.
- f) Even the Pharisees Were Going to Have to be Born Again to New Life—
Thier Old Life Was Not Enough...

3. OLD OR NEW (v.39) Which is Better?

a) Some Think the Old is Better—so they don't want to change

- (1) The Book of Hebrews was Written to Explain that the Old Law is NOT Better
- (2) Why would an entire book of NT be written to say everything is better in Christ?
- (3) Because some Jewish Christians were tempted to go back...
- (4) Even Today Messianic Jews (Jews for Jesus) Merge Old w/ New covenant to
bring back Jewish Feast Days and OT Observance.
- (5) They Liked the Old Better!

b) Jesus Was Not Patching Up What was Old—He Created Something New (Hebrews 10:19–20)

- (1) Jesus is the Light that all the Shadows of the Law Pointed To...
- (2) Jesus is Our High Priest, Our Passover Lamb, Our Mediator of a New Covenant
Based and Better Promises
- (3) Jesus Makes All Things New—A New Robe of Righteousness...
and New Wine of Joy and Celebration
- (4) A New Way of Thinking is Required Because the Old Way of Thinking Did Not
Go Far Enough...

**“The Old Testament is the New Testament Concealed,
and the New Testament is the Old Testament Revealed.”**

II. A NEW AND LIVING WAY IN CHRIST

This Parable of the Old and New is complicated: The Question is Old and New What?

Old & New COVENANT? old & new THINKING? old & new LIVING? —There's Application to All 3

A. JESUS MAKES ALL THINGS NEW

Jesus Created a New Spiritual Way of Life through a New Covenant,
that Creates a New Man, with a New Relationship with God.

1. A NEW COVENANT (Mt 26:28) > A Better Covenant (Hebrews 8:6–8)
2. A NEW PERSON (2 Corinthians 5:17)
3. A NEW MAN (Colossians 3:10)
4. A NEW AND LIVING WAY (Heb 10:20)
5. A NEW GIFT: Grace (Rom 8:1-4 ESV)
6. A NEW POWER: Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)
7. A NEW FREEDOM (Rom 8:1)
8. A NEW RELATIONSHIP
9. A NEW FAMILY: Adopted as children of God into His family the church
10. A NEW INHERITANCE: That cannot be taken, reserved in heaven for you
11. HE MAKES ALL THINGS NEW (Revelation 21:5–6)

B. A NEW WAY OF THINKING

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." – Albert Einstein

1. The Way of Thinking that Got us into the problem has to change,
in order to find our way out of the problem.
 - a) And Sometimes Our Thinking is Prejudiced by Our Old Previous Way of Thinking so
We Have a Hard Time Accepting New Understanding (v.39)
 - b) We might call these 'Cognitive Distortions'
 - c) There are many Cognitive Distortions that affect our Thinking in Negative Ways
2. Paul Tells us: **"do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."** (Romans 12:2a)
3. **HOW DO WE RENEW OUR MINDS WITH A NEW WAY OF THINKING?**
Our Thinking Must Be Based On:
 - a) **TRUTH:** (John 8:42)
 - (1) "If what we believe is not based on truth, then what we feel is not based on reality." (Neil Anderson)
 - b) **FAITH:** (Hebrews 11:6) **We must believe... not an opinion, a conviction!**
All things are possible to those who believe
 - c) **HOPE:** (Romans 5:1–4)
 - (1) Victor Frankl was a Jewish psychologist who was sent to the NAZI concentration camps. He Was Put in Slave Labor to dig ditches for pipelines

- (2) The only way he could bear the Tragedy was to try to use it for some purpose and write about it if he survived.
- (3) He did survive and what: 'Man's Search for Meaning.' He discovered that the concentration camp prisoners who had hope most likely survived.
- (4) But Those Who Lost Hope, started fading, and eventually died. Sometimes only days from when they're would've been released.
- (5) Hope allows us to endure the Suffering of this Life Knowing God has a Home Prepared for His People for Eternity.

d) LOVE (Romans 5:5) God's love has been poured into our heart!

- (1) When we were Born Again in baptism,**
- (2) we received the gift of the Holy Spirit**
- (3) This Gift of God's Grace and God's Spirit Empowers us to Change!**

C. A NEW WAY OF LIVING

1. No One Can Serve Two Masters...

- a) No one Can Serve God & the World, or God & Money, or God & Self
- b) In other words no one can live in constant state of conflict
Trying to Live Life as Two Opposing Life Principles...
- c) Have you ever tried to listen to two different songs at same time?
That's Cognitive Dissonance
- d) The Cognitive Dissonance will eventually drive someone to despair
- e) Unless your a socio-path and then you don't have to worry about that.

2. But We've All Experienced this Conflict Within Us...

Paul Describes This Cognitive Dissonance We Struggle With...

- a) First He Describes the Despair of Trying to Change our life Alone...
(Romans 7:18–24)**
- b) Then He Describes the Joy of Salvation in letting God change our life by
His Grace (Romans 8:1–4 ESV)**

3. Romans 7 is the Old Man Trying to Change the Old Way...

Romans 8 Describes the New Man Living in the New Way!

- a) Each Way is incompatible with the Other—So We Must Choose...
- b) Some like the Old Way: Because if you change YOU get all the credit for yourself!
- c) But Some like the New Way—in Which GOD Gets the Glory and Praise!

4. Paul Was a Pharisee and He Experienced Both Ways...

Which is Why He Gave His Life Preaching the New Way! (Titus 3:3–7)

CONCLUSION:

- 1. The War Was Won on a Hill Outside the Walls of Jerusalem...**
- 2. That's Why Everything is Different Now—All Things are New Rev. 21:5-6**
- 3. But Not Everyone Realizes it—Some think the war isn't over...**
 - 1. (Japanese soldier left on an island in the pacific)