

# The Same Yesterday, Today,

Nor is this the difference between the Law and the Gospel, that the Law is an Old Testament teaching while the Gospel is a New Testament teaching. By no means.

There is Gospel content in the Old Testament, just as there is Law content in the New Testament. Read



# Two Teachings, Single Purpose

Nor do the Law and the Gospel differ with regard to their final aim or intention, as though the Gospel aimed at humankind's salvation, while the Law's final aim was humankind's condemnation. No, both God's Law and His Gospel have our salvation as their final intention.

Only the Law, ever since the Fall into sin, cannot lead us to salvation. The Law can only prepare our hearts for the Gospel. Ironically it is only through the Gospel that we can obtain the ability to fulfill the



# The One Who Can Save or Destroy

Nor do the Law and the Gospel differ in the sense that they contradict each other. There are no contradictions in the Bible. Only paradoxes, which are only apparent or seeming contradictions. James 1:12-18; 2:5-12.

God does not change, nor does He contradict Himself. Instead God consistently threatens the person with the Law who believes that he or she is inherently good, thinks he or she can keep the Law, and thereby gain heaven. And God consistently comforts with the Gospel of Christ's free forgiveness the broken, humbled, and frightened sinner who has come to realize that he or she does not

