

## **Wineskin Parables** (Luke 5:36-39 & Matthew 9:16-17)

*An "old wineskin" is one that's been already stretched to its limits from the old wine when it fermented inside the skin. If you put new wine in it, since it's been stretched to its maximum capacity, as the wine ferments the skin would burst because it had no more room to stretch. It was completely used up!*

### Old Wineskin - Levitical law (Leviticus 19)

1. Moses came from the tribe of Levi
2. 613 total laws (365 don'ts / 248 dos)

### Old Wine - works ("do to get")

1. The thought was that by keeping these laws we are in right standing with God
2. We were law breakers (James 2:10)
3. We tried to be good people by keeping the law (Mark 10:18 & Romans 3:9-12)
4. We wanted to earn our own way to righteousness (Ephesians 6:8-9 & Acts 8:18-23)

*\*\* Jesus Christ's life fulfilled the entire Levitical law including the 10 commandments, His death buried the old way of working for righteousness and His resurrection installed the new and better way of Grace which makes us the beneficiaries of righteousness that comes by way of the Cross! \*\**

### New Wineskin - The Royal Law (Matthew 5:21-28)

1. Greatest Commandment (Matt 22:36-38)
2. 2nd Equally Important (Matt 22:39)
3. These are Foundational (Matt 22:40)

### New Wine - Grace ("get to do")

1. We are saved by Grace (Eph. 2:8-9)
2. Being saved means being born again. (John 3:5-8)
3. The Spirit leads us (John 16:13)
4. The Truth sets us free (John 8:31-32)

*This New Way of Grace works through the Holy Spirit and empowers us to keep the 2 greatest commandments which fulfill the Royal Law. This ensures that no one can take credit for the good that's produced in our lives and truly gives all the Glory to God!*

1. We no longer "do anything to get anything from God". There's no list of rules to work at first in order to be made right second.
1. We now "get from Christ to do Gods work". It's a privileged position in which we are made right through Christ first and through the Holy Spirit we produce good works second.

*This new way puts the focus back where it belongs. It takes the focus off of man, off of the fall, off of the consequences and off of the effort to fix it on our own, and puts the focus back on God, on His way of redemption, on The solution of Jesus Christ, on our debt being wiped clean without any effort of our own, and fully on the Agape Love of God the and the sufficient grace of Jesus Christ our Lord!*