

We know the ~~reality~~ realities. We know the events that Christ has performed. We do not simply look forward in faith to what the sacrifices stand for and receive salvation through this looking ~~===~~ through our confidence in what God is going to do. We look back to what He has done. In the communion service we remember the Lord's death till He come. The spirit of legalism that if we make a mistake in a ceremony, that if we do not toe the line exactly we are lost, is utterly contrary to Biblical ideas. The Biblical teaching is that we have trust in Christ. We believe on Him. We are united with Him. The OT person could look to God as the Father, as ~~===~~ not only as the righteous judge but also as the loving Father who blessed all those who came to Him in faith and who gave them the understanding that He would present the sacrifice. There was always along with the law, the lamb. There was always the looking forward to being saved. But now we have the fuller understanding.

OT and NT thus stand together. The big difference between them is, in one case you look forward; in the other you look back. This makes a very important difference and yet there is a far greater unity than there is a difference. In the OT God gave precise ways of putting ~~===~~ of getting His truth into people's hearts and minds. Now He has not prescribed the precise ways. We are ^{not} a small nation which is endeavoring to keep alive the truth of God during a period when the whole world has turned against Him, and to keep our eyes on His promises and watch for the coming of His Son. His Son has now come and He has ordered us to go out and witness throughout all the world. Our purpose is to find ways of growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. We are to find ways of getting further understanding of His truth into our minds. We are to find ways of putting Christ first in all things in our lives and hearts. We are to find ways of presenting His truth to others and of getting His truth into their hearts and minds.

As the people looked forward to the coming of Christ, God prescribed the precise ceremonies to take these truths and to get them into their minds and hearts so they would remember them. In the wilderness He had Moses put up the serpent of bronze so that all who looked on it would be ^{could} be relieved from the serpent's bite. Jesus said this was a figure to show how they would look forward to the One who would be raised up as a