

**BRAND NEW
Pt. 1 - Letting Go
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We still hold on to things
that hold us back

Most of the things
you resist about church
are things
the church should resist

THE CHURCH

A community of people who follow
the **teaching** of a man **sent** from God
to explain God
and to **clear** the path to God

Application

Love God
Love one another
Love your enemy

Who doesn't want their life
to be better
and to be better at life?

What Happened?

The Temple Model

- ✓ Sacred Places
- ✓ Sacred Texts
- ✓ Sacred Men
- ✓ Sincere Followers

The Temple Model

Grants extraordinary **Power**
to sacred **Men** in sacred **places**
who determine the meaning
of sacred **texts**

The arrival of Jesus signaled the end of the temple model and the beginning of something entirely **NEW**...

**Jesus predicted
a NEW movement**

Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)

⁽¹³⁾ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

⁽¹⁴⁾ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

⁽¹⁵⁾ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

⁽¹⁶⁾ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

⁽¹⁷⁾ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

⁽¹⁸⁾ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

**Jesus instituted
a NEW Covenant**

Luke 22:20 (NIV)

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

**Jesus gave
NEW meaning
to the sacred text**

Matthew 5:17 (NIV)

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

**Jesus instituted
a NEW movement
defining ethic**

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

⁽²³⁾ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,

⁽²⁴⁾ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

⁽³⁴⁾"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

⁽³⁵⁾By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

**Jesus gave
NEW Meaning
to Passover**

Luke 22:19 (NIV)

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

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