

# Why do I believe what I believe?

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, **one faith**, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”*  
(Ephesians 4:4–6)



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Heb. 10:1: “For the Law... has only a **shadow** of the good things to come and not the very form of things”



Law	Old Covenant	New Covenant
Lawgiver	Moses	Jesus
High Priest	Aaron...	Jesus
Sacrifice	Animals	Jesus
Priesthood	Levites	All Christians
Worship	Instruments, Temple...	Singing, L.S....

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Do I just believe what my family believes?

Do I just go along with the experts?

Do I just follow whatever is popular?

Do I just believe what seems right to me?



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## Doctrines that aren't in the New Covenant:

- Saved by faith only
- Once saved, always saved
- Homosexuality is acceptable
- Infant baptism
- Praying to Mary
- Having an ordained clergy class
- God's people can divide into denominations.
- Holy Spirit “irresistible grace”
- Etc.

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***Because I can find it in the Bible!***