The differences in the Law of Moses and the Law of Christ.

A study in contrasts with some similarities.

The Law of Moses was only to the Jews.

Rom 3:1-2 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? (2) Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

Deut 5:1 Then Moses summoned all Israel, and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully. 2 "The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. 3 "The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, with all those of us alive here today.

The Good News (the gospel) of Jesus Christ is to all men.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

The Law of Moses was for a physical kingdom.

Gen 12:2 And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; The soldiers of God under the Law of Moses fought physical battles.

Josh 1:14 "Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but you shall cross before your brothers in battle array, all your valiant warriors, and shall help them, 15 until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as He gives <u>you, ...</u>

The Law of Christ brought a spiritual kingdom.

John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

The soldiers of Christ fight spiritual battles. Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

The Law of Moses promoted a physical well being.

Exod 15:26 And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer."

The Law of Christ promotes a spiritual well being.

3 Jn 1:2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

1Ti 4:8 for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and *also* for the *life* to come. Under the Law of Moses, sins were remembered each year.

Exod 30:10 "And Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year; he shall make atonement on it with the blood of the sin offering of atonement once a year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD."

Under the Law of Christ, sins are remembered no more.

Heb 10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, and upon their mind I will write them," He then says 17 "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Under the Law of Moses, the Lord dwelled in a physical temple in Jerusalem.

Exod 25:8 "And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them. Under the Law of Christ, his people are the temple of God

1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? Entrance into a covenant relationship with God under the Law of Moses was based on circumcision of the male.

Gen 17:12 "And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a servant who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants.

13 "A servant who is born in your house or who is bought with your money shall surely be circumcised; thus shall My covenant be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 "But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

Entrance into a covenant relationship with God under the gospel of Christ is through baptism.

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

There are some similarities!

God gave his law under both covenants and men were told not to add to nor take from what He said. Deut 4:2 "You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Gal 3:15 Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it.

The commands of God had to be observed in both covenants

Deut 12:28 "Be careful to listen to all these words which I command you, in order that it may be well with you and your sons after you forever, for you will be doing what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

Luke 6:46 "And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?

Joh 12:48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

Are you in a covenant relationship with Christ today?

The only way is to enter into that relationship is obey Jesus' command.

Mark 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.