

The New is Better

*No one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new;
for he says, "The old is better." Luke 5:39*

John 2:1-10

When the Lord was at the wedding where the wine was running out,
He changed water into wine to show what grace was all about;
And the master of the wedding did not know where it was from,
But confided to the bridegroom that a better wine had come.

Mark 2:18-22

But new wine requires new bottles, lest it burst the old in two.
For traditions are too brittle to accommodate the new.
Those addicted to the vintage of the righteous Law's embrace
Could not bear the fresh refreshment from the winepress of God's grace.

Luke 10:25-37

The officials of the Law could never make the sinner well
The Samaritan was needed to deliver him from hell
For the Law cannot forgive us when we've broken God's command
Grace pours in the wine and oil that the wounds of sin demand.

Matthew 21:33-46

Though the workers in His vineyard killed the prophets that He sent,
God resolved to show His grace and sent His Son to get the rent;
But they crucified the Savior while the hosts of heaven saw
That the cup He drank to save them was the vintage of the Law.

Acts 2:1-21

When the early fruit had ripened on the Pentecostal vine,
Scoffers said it's effervescence bubbled over from new wine.
Peter showed them from the Scriptures what the prophets had foretold,
For it was the Holy Spirit that had made the church so bold.

Ephesians 5:15-20

So don't be inebriated with the vintage of the earth;
Be influenced by the Spirit that accompanies new birth!
Let Him fill your heart and help you overcome each sinful flaw,
And you'll find that grace is better than the bondage of the Law.

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