

# Hebrews 9:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

## Analysis

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These regulations concerned 'only food and drink, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.' The Greek 'diorthōseōs' (reformation/setting straight) indicates the new order Christ inaugurated. The old covenant dealt with external, physical matters; the new covenant reforms the heart. These rituals served until Christ came; now they're obsolete (8:13), having served their preparatory purpose.

## Historical Context

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The extensive food laws, purity regulations, and ritual washings (Leviticus) governed Israel's daily life, maintaining separation from surrounding nations and teaching holiness. Christ declared all foods clean (Mark 7:19), fulfilling and ending these ceremonial distinctions.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What purpose did the food laws and washing rituals serve, and why are they no longer binding on Christians?
2. How does the 'reformation' Christ brought change your relationship to religious ritual and regulation?

## Interlinear Text

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μόνον	ἐπὶ	βρώμασιν	καὶ	πόμασιν	καὶ	διαφόροις
Which stood only	in	meats	and	drinks	and	divers
G3440	G1909	G1033	G2532	G4188	G2532	G1313
βαπτισμοῖς	καὶ	δικαιώμασιν	σαρκὸς	μέχρι	καιροῦ	
washings	and	ordinances	carnal	on them until	the time	
G909	G2532	G1345	G4561	G3360	G2540	
διορθώσεως	ἐπικείμενα					
of reformation	imposed					
G1357	G1945					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Colossians 2:16** (Parallel theme): Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

**Hebrews 7:16** (Parallel theme): Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

**Ephesians 2:15** (Parallel theme): Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

**Leviticus 16:24** (Parallel theme): And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

**Hebrews 10:22** (Parallel theme): Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Ezekiel 4:14** (Parallel theme): Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

**Hebrews 2:5** (Parallel theme): For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

**Hebrews 6:5** (Parallel theme): And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

**Exodus 40:12** (Parallel theme): And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

**Deuteronomy 23:11** (Parallel theme): But it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash himself with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp again.