

# Luke 5:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.

## Analysis

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No man puts piece of new garment upon old if otherwise then both new maketh rent and piece taken from new agrees not with old. Parable. Piece epiblema patch. New garment himatiou kainou new cloth. Upon old palaion. Both new and old ruined. New cloth shrinks tears old. Principle mixing old new systems incompatible. Cannot patch old covenant with new. New wine new wineskins required. Jesus teaching represents new paradigm not patch on Judaism. Gospel not add-on to law but fulfillment replacement. Reformed theology sees discontinuity between covenants. New covenant superior Hebrews 8. Cannot mix law grace works faith.

## Historical Context

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Jewish leaders wanted to fit Jesus into existing system. Cannot be done. Christianity not reformed Judaism but new covenant. Mixing law grace produces hybrid that satisfies neither. Galatians Paul fights Judaizers wanting to add law to gospel. Mixture ruins both. Early church struggled with this Acts 15 Council affirmed Gentiles not under Torah. Reformation recovered this truth salvation by grace through faith apart from works. Cannot be half grace half works. Modern church sometimes mixes merit grace performance acceptance. Gospel is pure grace.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What does impossibility of patching old with new teach about incompatibility of law and grace?
2. How does this parable warn against syncretism mixing gospel with other religious systems?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἔλεγεν	δὲ	καὶ	παραβολὴν	πρὸς	αὐτοὺς	ὅτι	Οὐδεὶς	
he spake	And	also	a parable	unto	them	G3754	No man	
G3004	G1161	G2532	G3850	G4314	G846		G3762	
ἐπίβλημα	ἱμάτιον	καινοῦ	ἐπιβάλλει	ἐπὶ	ἱμάτιον	παλαιῶ		
a piece	garment	of a new	putteth	upon	garment	an old		
G1915	G2440	G2537	G1911	G1909	G2440	G3820		
εἰ	δὲ	μήγε,	καὶ	τὸ	καινοῦ	σχίζει	καὶ	τῷ
G1487	And	G3361	also	G3588	of a new	maketh a rent	also	G3588
	G1161		G2532	G2537	G4977	G2532		
παλαιῶ	οὐ	συμφωνεῖ	ἐπίβλημα	τὸ		ἀπὸ		τοῦ
an old	not	agreeth	a piece	G3588		that was taken out of		G3588
G3820	G3756	G4856	G1915			G575		
καινοῦ								
of a new								
G2537								

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 6:16** (Parallel theme): And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**Deuteronomy 22:11** (Parallel theme): Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together.

**Leviticus 19:19** (Parallel theme): Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

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