

Church for the World (new) – verses – Church in the Word (old)

It's not that the "new" is always wrong in the right context. However, the new tends to emphasize a priority and proportion to these things beyond biblical context. *A proportion example:* To change the proportion of a recipe from a teaspoon of salt to a cup of salt distorts the taste and quality. *A priority example:* Doctors and dieticians serve important roles. Yet during a heart attack it's the doctor you seek first before looking for a new diet.

NEW CHURCH – *Self esteem* – ME (I'm worth loving and having my needs met)

OLD CHURCH – *Christ-esteem* – HE (His worth replaces mine – a sinner: His desires first)
Rom. 3:9-19 / Eph. 2:1-13; 3:21 / 1 Pet. 2:9 / Rev. 5:9-14 (Lev. 10:3 / Ezek. 44:15-16)

NEW CHURCH – *Subjective* – Results: positive experiences prove it must be right

OLD CHURCH – *Objective* – Revelation: Bible alone reveals right and wrong
John 17:17 / 2Tim. 3:15-17 / Eph. 3:3-4 (Num. 20:7-12, 24)

NEW CHURCH – *Relationships* – focuses on them, for when they are good, *I am pleased*

OLD CHURCH – *Regeneration* – focus on life in Christ by His doctrine: pleasing Him is first
Titus 3:5 / Eph. 1:17-23; 3:16-21 (then chap. 5 on relationships) / Col. 1:9-12 / 1Thess. 4:1-3

NEW CHURCH – *Prominent* – Alleluia - praise: Jesus and me is the theme that excites

OLD CHURCH – *Preeminent* – Authority of the Word: Lord Jesus as Head is over all
Col. 1:18 / 1 Cor. 14:37 / Rev. 1:3, 11 / Rev. 2&3

NEW CHURCH – *"Worship"* – labels all that is done as "worship" thereby sanctioning all

OLD CHURCH – *Worthship* – love to Christ that sacrificially finds and obeys His will
Matt. 15:3, 8-9 / John 4:24 / Rom. 12:1-2 / (1 Sam. 15:22 / Lev. 10:1-3)

NEW CHURCH – *Singing* – spirit of music that a person can't worship without electricity

OLD CHURCH – *Hearing* – what the Spirit says to the churches / then singing to the Lord
Rev. 2:7 / Eph. 5:18-19 / Col. 3:16

NEW CHURCH – *Proof texting* – using a snippet out of Bible context to form my premise

OLD CHURCH – *Proof reading* – rightly dividing the Word of truth to find His mind
2 Tim. 2:15, 18; 4:1-5 / Acts 17:11 / 1Tim. 4:13-16 / 1 Cor. 2:15-16 / Eph. 4:23

NEW CHURCH – *Happiness* – my feelings excited

OLD CHURCH – *Holiness* – set apart for God and His true ways while in a godless world
Psa. 93:5 / 1 Cor. 3:16 / 2 Cor. 7:1 / 1 Pet. 1:16

NEW CHURCH – *Church* – meeting geared for the unbelieving and sinning; "just as I am"

OLD CHURCH – *Cross* – goes out into a sinning world with the gospel; "just as I am"
1Tim. 1:15 / Mark 16:15 / 1 Cor. 1:18; 2:1-5; 6:9-11; 11:17-22; 14:26 / Acts 13:1-5

NEW CHURCH – *Grace* – no one to be judged for sin – just forgiven and loved

OLD CHURCH – *Godliness* – God glorified by a righteous lifestyle, which grace enables
Rom. 6:1 / 1Cor. 2:15; 5:12 / Titus 2:11-15; 3:7-8

NEW CHURCH – The judging of wrong is more wrong than the doing of wrong

OLD CHURCH – The doing of sin requires biblical judging. John 7:24, 1Cor. 5:12, 13; 6:2

NEW CHURCH – *Inclusion* – Sensitive seeker included in fellowship in spite of sin or doctrine; just love and excite the “unchurched” into a commitment.

OLD CHURCH – *Conversion* – Unsaved sinner saved by repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus followed by baptism & reception to the church fellowship.
Matt. 18:3 / Acts 2:37-42, 47; 20:20-21 (Ex. 12:48 / Ezek. 44:9)

NEW CHURCH – *Seeker needs a Leader* – follow and love Jesus in His ways

OLD CHURCH – *Sinner needs a Savior first* – Leader and love is for the saved saint
1Tim. 1:15-16 / Luke 18:13-14 / 1 Cor. 15:1-4 / 1John 4:9-10 / Eph. 1:20-22

NEW CHURCH – *Rejoicing* – It’s the boring presentation of the church that hinders joy

OLD CHURCH – *Remembrance* – of the Lord at His Supper by grateful self judged hearts
1 Cor. 11:23-28; 10:16-17 / Acts 2:42; 20:7 / Luke 24:30-35

NEW CHURCH – *Caring* (friendship)

OLD CHURCH – *Coverings* (headship – displaying God’s authoritative order)
1 Cor. 11:1-16; 14:34-35 / 1 Tim. 2:9-15

NEW CHURCH – *Creativity* – Liberty for my ideas in the “church”

OLD CHURCH – *Commandments* – Learning from the Lord, His ways for His church
1 Cor. 14:37 / Col. 2:8, 19 / 1Thess. 4:1-2 / Rev. 2:1 “These things saith He”

NEW CHURCH – *Professional* – trained leader

OLD CHURCH – *Priesthood* – of all believers functioning and gifted by the Divine Spirit
1 Pet. 2:5, 9 / Rev. 1: 5-6 / 1 Cor. 12:7, 11; 14:23-40 / Rom. 12:3-8 / Eph. 4:7-16

NEW CHURCH – *Growth* – in numbers (outreach)

OLD CHURCH – *Glory* – Up-reach (offering to God) & in-reach (edifying believers)
Eph. 3:21; 5:18-20 / 1 Pet. 2:5 / Heb. 13:15 / 1 Cor. 11:23-26; 14:12, 31

NEW CHURCH – *Funds* – man’s marketing methods to sustain the Lord’s ministries

OLD CHURCH – *Fundamental* – majoring on “the faith” as the Lord sustains His church
Jude :3 / Rom. 16:17, 25-27 / Acts 20:33-35 / Philp. 4:6, 19 / 3 John : 6-7

NEW CHURCH – *Relating* (fun) – I go to meet the people

OLD CHURCH – *Reverence* (fear) – I go to meet the Lord Who is in the midst
Psalm 89:7 / Acts 5:11; 9:31 / Heb. 12:28 / Matt.18:20 / 1 Cor. 3:16 / (Ex. 29:42-46)

NEW CHURCH – *Sanctuary* – a holy place

OLD CHURCH – *Sanctified* – a holy people 1 Cor. 1:2; 3:16 / Eph. 2:18-22 / 1Pet. 2:9

NEW CHURCH – *Jesus* – a loving yet radical reformer of Pharisaic formal deadness
(now called the church) whom I can relate to

OLD CHURCH – *Lord Jesus Christ* – the exalted authority on God’s right hand as Head
of the true church who the redeemed are under
Eph. 1:19-23; 5:23-24 / Col. 1:18; 3:17

“If you love me, keep my commandments”. To follow NT instructions to form a relationship with God - that’s law. But just to please Him after I trusted Him – that’s love. So take heart, at this level obedience is not legalism but loving devotion. *“...The renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what it that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God”*, John 14:15 / Rom. 12:2.