

Law vs. Grace: An Overview
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Law & Grace


OUR PURPOSE, AIM AND OBJECTIVE



...is to Compare and Contrast **Law** and **Grace** so as to properly understand these two important themes and *how they are related to the life of the New Testament Believer.*


2 Corinthians 3:7-9

⁷ But if the **ministry of death**, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading *as it was*, ⁸ how will the **ministry of the Spirit** fail to be even more with glory? ⁹ For if the **ministry of condemnation** has glory, much more does the **ministry of righteousness** abound in glory. (NASB95)



TEACHINGS OF <u>LAW</u>	TEACHINGS OF <u>GRACE</u>
Written with ink.	Written with the Spirit of the living God.
In tables of stone.	In fleshy tables of the heart.
The letter killeth.	The Spirit giveth life.
The ministraton of death.	The ministraton of the Spirit.
Was glorious.	Is rather glorious.
Done away.	Remaineth.
Abolished.	We have such hope.

L. S. CHAFER, Systematic theology (Vol. 4, p. 242). (1993). Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications.



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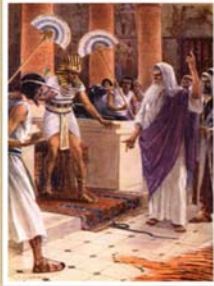
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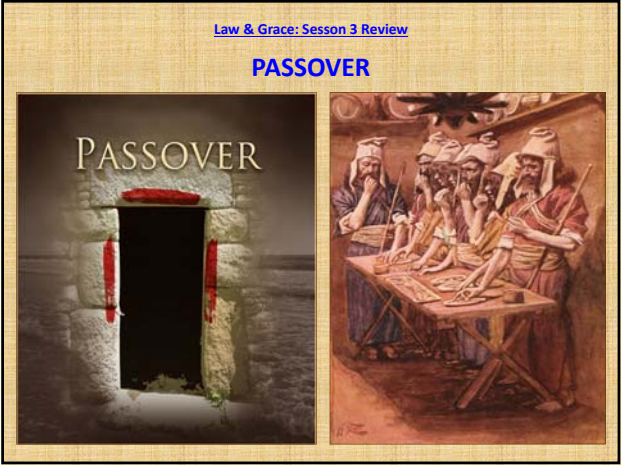


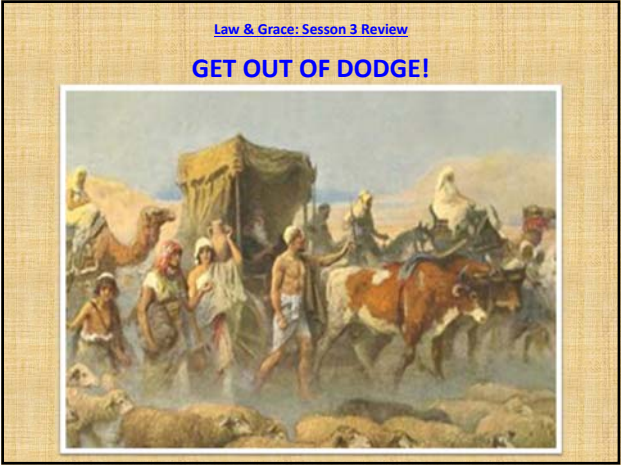
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10 plagues (strikes) of Egypt: Exo. 12:12; Num. 33:4

Plague	Egyptian god defeated	Exodus
1. Water into blood	Osiris	7:20
2. Frogs infestation	Hekt	8:6
3. Lice (Gnats) infestation	Seb	8:17
4. Fly infestation	Hatkok	8:24
5. Cattle diseased	Apis	9:6
6. Boil epidemic	Typhon	9:10
7. Fiery Hail	Shu	9:24
8. Locust infestation	Serapai	10:13
9. 3 Days of darkness	Ra	10:22
10. Death of firstborn	All the gods	12:29

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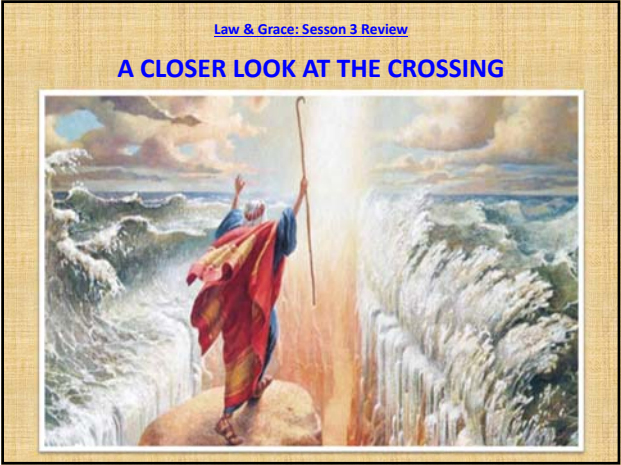






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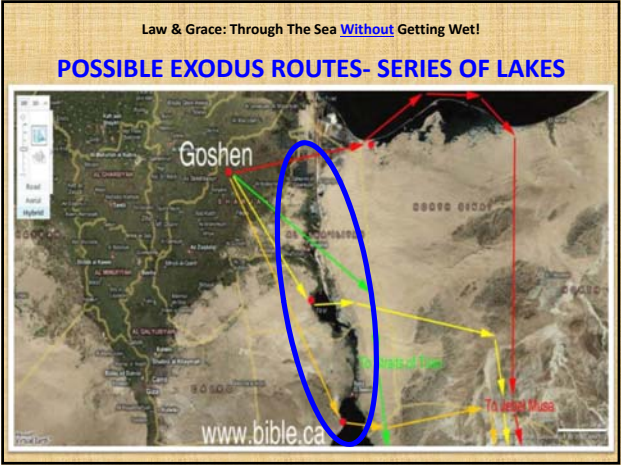
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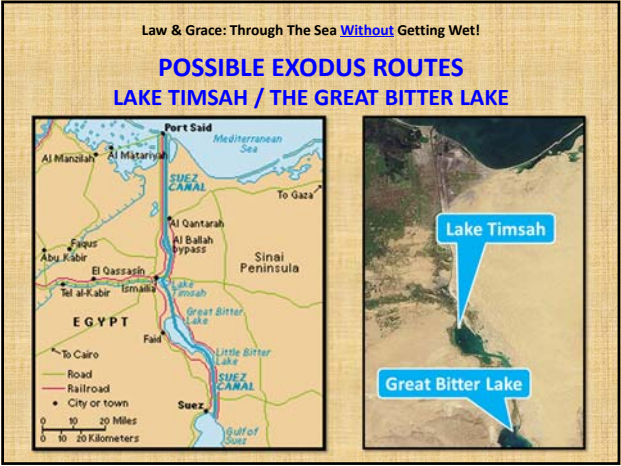
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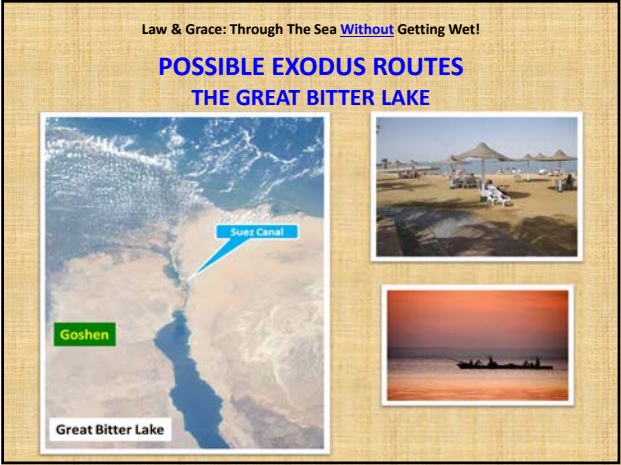
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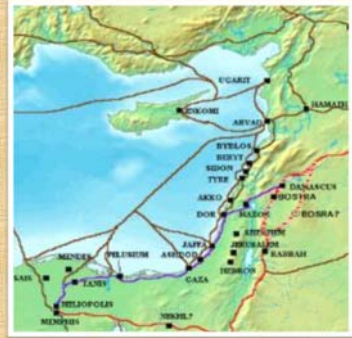
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**POSSIBLE EXODUS ROUTES
THE GREAT BITTER LAKES REGION**

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**POSSIBLE EXODUS ROUTES
LAKE TIMSAH**


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**POSSIBLE EXODUS ROUTES
THE STRAITS OF TIRAN**

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POSSIBLE EXODUS ROUTES


"And [you] shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea." Ex. 14:16



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POSSIBLE EXODUS ROUTES


A NIGHTTIME CROSSING!



See Exo. 14:19–25

Exodus 14:21–24 (NASB95)


²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. ²² The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea...²³ Then the Egyptians took up the pursuit,...into the midst of the sea. ²⁴ At the morning watch, the LORD looked down on the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and brought the army of the Egyptians into confusion.



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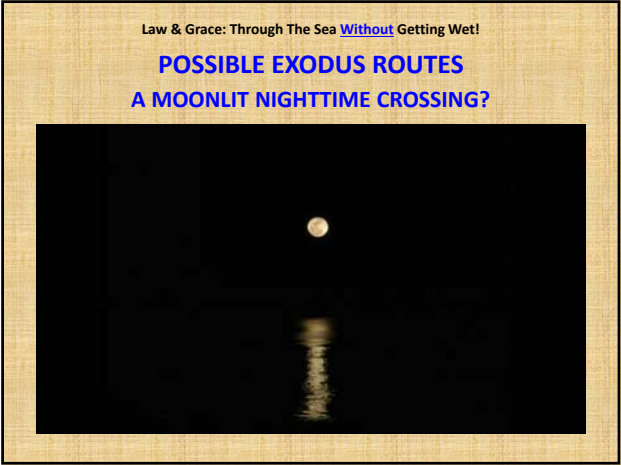


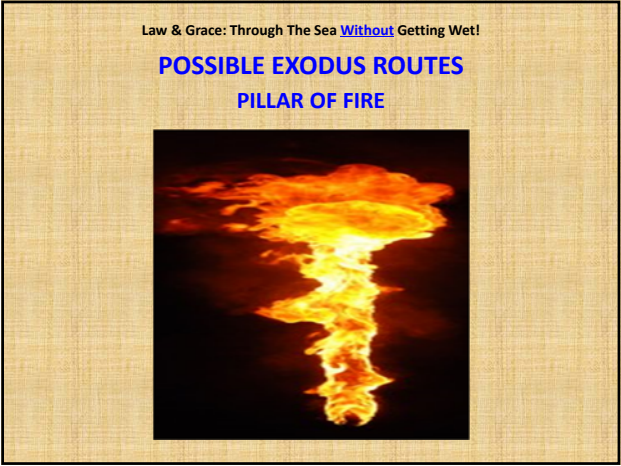
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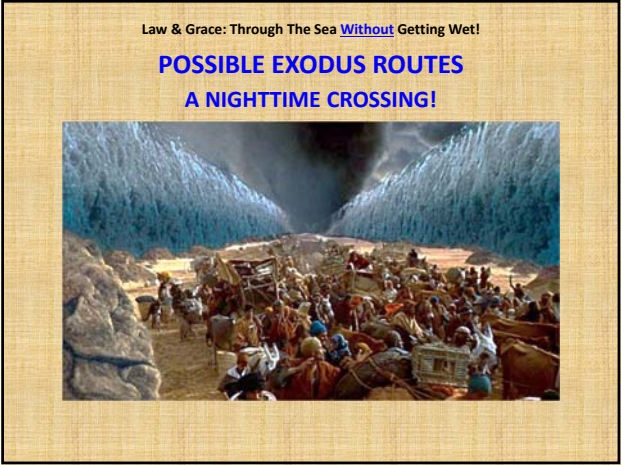
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Exodus 14:23 (NASB95)

Then the Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.



Exodus 14:24-28 (NASB95)

²⁴ At the morning watch, the LORD looked down on the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud... ²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand..." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak,...²⁸ The waters returned and covered...Pharaoh's entire army ...not even one of them remained.



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**POSSIBLE EXODUS ROUTES
SEEN NEVERMORE!**



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EXODUS 15:1-21
THE SONGS OF MOSES AND MIRIAM



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WITH WHOM ARE YOU IDENTIFIED?

ISRAEL <i>Baptized into Moses</i>	CHURCH <i>Baptized into Christ</i>
1 Cor. 10:2 says that the people of Israel were all “baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea”, <i>a physical presence.</i>	And Rom. 6:3 and also Gal. 3:27 say that we in the Church were all “baptized into Christ Jesus”, which is <i>a spiritual presence.</i>
THIS BAPTISM WOULD PLACE THEM ALL UNDER THE PRINCIPLE OF <u>LAW.</u>	THIS BAPTISM WOULD PLACE ALL OF US UNDER THE PRINCIPLE OF <u>GRACE.</u>

Romans 6:3

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

...with Christ

crucified buried raised sealed sealed

Romans 6:3

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized (Aorist Passive) into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Galatians 3:27

For all of you who were baptized (Aorist Passive) into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:30a

But by His [God's] doing you are in Christ Jesus...

...with Christ

crucified buried raised sealed sealed

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GOD ACTED FOR ISRAEL!

- God sent Moses to bring the Israelites out of Egypt – **not to die in Egypt** (Exodus 3:10).



Exodus 3:10

“Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, **so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.**”



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GOD ACTED FOR ISRAEL!




- God, acting through Moses and Aaron, and also through the 10 plagues, brought His people **to the sea**.
- His people thought they were as good as dead but, God acted to save them.

Blood	Frogs	Flies	Boils	Locusts	Darkness
Ice	Death				

Exodus 14:10-12


¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel looked, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they became very frightened; so the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ Then they said to Moses, "Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² "Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."



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GOD ACTED FOR US!

- God sent Christ *to deliver us* from the bondage and tyranny of the sin nature and spiritual death.
- Christ's death provides us each our own personal exodus from bondage - *forever.*



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GOD ACTED FOR US!



- Unlike the Israelites who were only threatened with death, God, in His infinite wisdom had us die with Christ, in His death on the Cross.
- Our death with Christ, through our baptism into Christ (*identification with Him*), has an eternally good purpose to it.

Romans 8:28-30

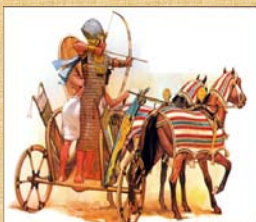
²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.



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DEATH TO LIFE FOR ISRAEL!

- The Israelites thought that they were as good as dead with the Egyptians racing toward them on one side and the sea on the other.



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DEATH TO LIFE FOR ISRAEL!




- But God miraculously saved them from what would have been certain death, by parting the sea for the Israelites, **NOT** for any of the Egyptians.

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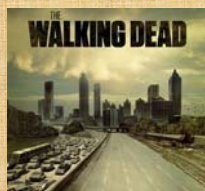
- The principle of death to life was lived out physically for Israel as God brought them from certain death to miraculously preserved life.



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DEATH TO LIFE FOR US!

- Before we believed, we were dead in our trespasses and sins, even as we walked the planet and were interacting with each other.



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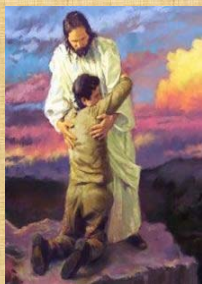
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- But we who believe in Christ, have been raised with Him, so as to have new life – Christ’s very own resurrection life!

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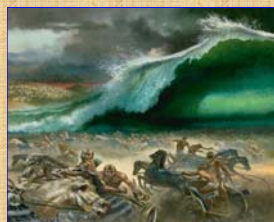


- The principle of death to life was carried out spiritually for us as God brought us from spiritual death to Christ's resurrection life.

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DEATH WAS SEPARATION FOR ISRAEL!

- The people of Israel crossed the sea that God had parted for them, but He closed those same waters over the Egyptians who were in pursuit.



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DEATH WAS SEPARATION FOR ISRAEL!


- The *'death'* of the Egyptian military in the waters of the sea literally, physically, and permanently, *'separated'* the Israelites from the pursuing Egyptians...*forever!*



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DEATH IS SEPARATION FOR US!

- According to the New Testament, for those of us who make up the Body of Christ, *'spiritual death'* means *'separation'*.



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DEATH IS SEPARATION FOR US!



- That is why the New Testament letters use terms like “dead unto” or “dead to” or “died to”.
- So being “dead unto” and similar terms means for us to be *“dead in relationship to”* the sin nature, the Law and the world.

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DEATH = SEPARATION; BEING ALIVE = UNION

Rom. 6:1-11	- dead to sin, alive to Christ
Rom. 7:1-6	- death releases one from marriage; died to the Law, joined to Christ
2 Cor. 5:14-15	- dead to ourselves, alive to Christ
Gal. 2:19-20	- died to the Law, to live to God
Col. 2:20	- died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world
Col. 3:5, 20	- dead to sin, died with Christ to the world

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Frequently some will say that the Apostle Paul is the one who explained these truths, (death is separation, and being alive is union), *and that's true*, however, the Apostle Peter also clearly understood these truths (death is separation, and being alive is union), that is, 'dead in relationship to, and alive in relationship to'. Consider 1 Peter 2:24:

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1 Peter 2:24

"...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed."

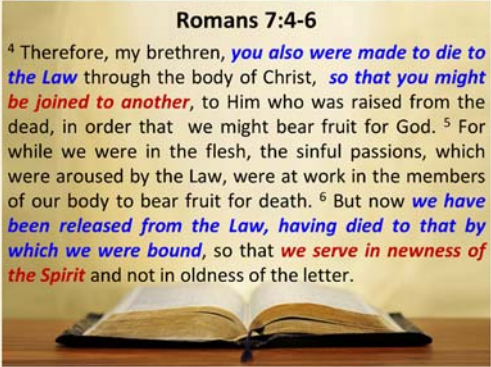


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Romans 7:4-6

⁴ Therefore, my brethren, *you also were made to die to the Law* through the body of Christ, *so that you might be joined to another*, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now *we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound*, so that *we serve in newness of the Spirit* and not in oldness of the letter.




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Galatians 2:19-20



¹⁹ "For through the Law *I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.* ²⁰ I have been *crucified with Christ*; and it is no longer I who live, but *Christ lives in me*; and *the life which I now live* in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."



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ISRAEL HAD GOD'S EXTERNAL AND VISIBLE PRESENCE



- Consider that from the time that Israel began to come out of Egypt they had a visible presence of God, as a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.

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ISRAEL HAD GOD'S EXTERNAL AND VISIBLE PRESENCE

- Most of the time this cloud led them as they traveled by day, remaining there visibly as a pillar of fire as they camped each night.


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**WE HAVE GOD'S
INTERNAL AND INVISIBLE PRESENCE**

- We have God's presence as well, but not just when we wander the wilderness – but all the time, and within every single one of us who believes.
- We are both individually and corporately, as the body of Christ, the temple of God – God dwells in us (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19).

1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19

^{3:16} Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?...^{6:19} Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?



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LAW	GRACE
Israel was baptized into Moses which place them all under the principle of law and obligated them to it (1 Cor. 10:2).	Believers are baptized into Christ Jesus , which places us all under the principle of grace and obligates us to it (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27).



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WITH WHOM ARE YOU IDENTIFIED?



For the Law was given through Moses...



...but grace & truth were realized through Jesus Christ - John 1:17
