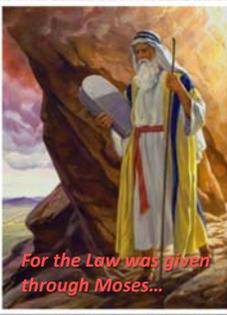


Law & Grace: An Overview
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For the Law was given through Moses...



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

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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.*



C. I. SCOFIELD, D. D.
The Grace of God, The Fundamentals Vol. 3, Chapter VII, p. 98

We have, most of us, been reared and now live under the influence of **Galatianism**. Protestant theology, alas, is for the most part, thoroughly **Galatianized**, in that neither law nor grace are given their **distinct** and **separated** places, as in the counsels of God, but are mingled together in one incoherent system. The law is no longer, as in the Divine intent, a ministration of death (2 Cor. 3:7), of cursing (Gal. 3:10), of conviction (Rom. 3:19), because we are taught that we must try to keep it, and that by Divine help we may. Nor, on the other hand, does grace bring us blessed deliverance from the dominion of sin, for we are kept under the law as a rule of life despite the plain declaration, "Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14).

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 ministration of death.	The ministration 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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All 613 Laws



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Consecration – who does it?
To consecrate is to set apart & dedicate for a holy purpose...

Under the Law...	Under Grace...
...it was the entire responsibility of the people to set themselves apart (Exodus 19:10, 14, 22).	...it is God who has sanctified and set us apart in our eternal position in Christ (1 Cor. 1:2, 6:11; Heb. 2:11), and He also continues to sanctify each of us (Heb. 10:14).

Law & Grace: Lesson 5 Review
Stay away... or draw near?

Under the Law...	Under Grace...
...all of the people were to keep away, under penalty of death, from the mountain where God was to give a portion of the Law to Moses.	...we are called to draw near to God & are given access to God by His own accomplishment - all we did was to believe Him.

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Death Threatened vs. Death Accomplished

Under the Law...	Under Grace...
...the Israelites were to remain holy and sanctified entirely through their own efforts. The penalty for failure was death to be carried out by the community.	...believers are made holy & sanctified in Christ, since they have already died with Christ -an accomplishment of God Himself and in which we had no part.

Law & Grace: Lesson 5 Review

Death: A Bad Thing or Death: A Good Thing?

Under the Law...	Under Grace...
...from the very giving of it, the Israelites were threatened with the death if they came too close to the mountain.	...as a result of having died with Christ, believers have also died in relationship to Law.



Under the Law, dying **was not** good or desirable, ...but under Grace our death with Christ is **phenomenally good!**

END OF REVIEW



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A Mountaintop Experience – Part 2
Exodus 20:1-21




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¹ Then God spoke all these words, saying, ² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ “You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵ “You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who...



Exodus 20:1-21

...love Me and keep My commandments. ⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain. ⁸ “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ “Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. ¹¹ “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on ...



Exodus 20:1-21

...the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you. ¹³ “You shall not murder. ¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ “You shall not steal. ¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” ¹⁸ All the people perceived the thunder ...



Exodus 20:1-21

...and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood at a distance. ¹⁹ Then they said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we will die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin.” ²¹ So the people stood at a distance, while Moses approached the thick cloud where God was.



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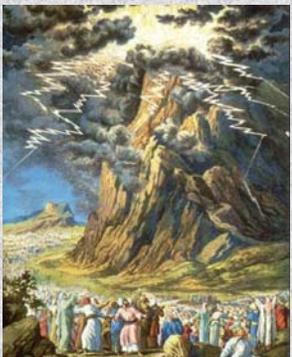
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Keep Your Distance!



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The 10 Commandments



- Exodus 20:1-21 presents what has come to be called 'The 10 Commandments'.
- It also includes some interactions between Moses and the people that follows 'the 10'.
- In this, the very first presentation of 'The 10 Commandments', the words of 'The 10' are simply spoken by God directly to Moses on Mt Sinai.
- Then Moses goes down to speak with the people of Israel.

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DIVISION OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS BY RELIGION/DENOMINATION				
Commandment	Jewish (Talmudic)	Anglican, Reformed, & others	Orthodox & others	Roman Catholic & Lutheran
I am the LORD your God		preface		
You shall have no other gods before Me	1	1	1	1
You shall not make for yourself an idol	2	2	2	
You shall not take the name of the LORD in vain	3	3	3	2
Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy	4	4	4	3
Honor your father and your mother	5	5	5	4
You shall not murder	6	6	6	5
You shall not commit adultery	7	7	7	6
You shall not steal	8	8	8	7
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor	9	9	9	8
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife				9
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor	10	10	10	10

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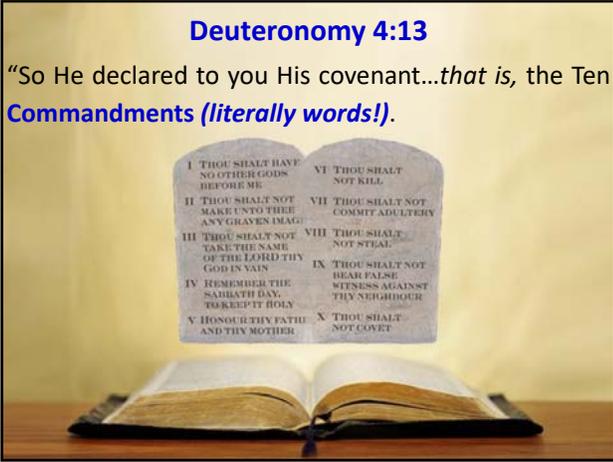
Exodus 34:28b

...And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten **Commandments** (*literally words!*).



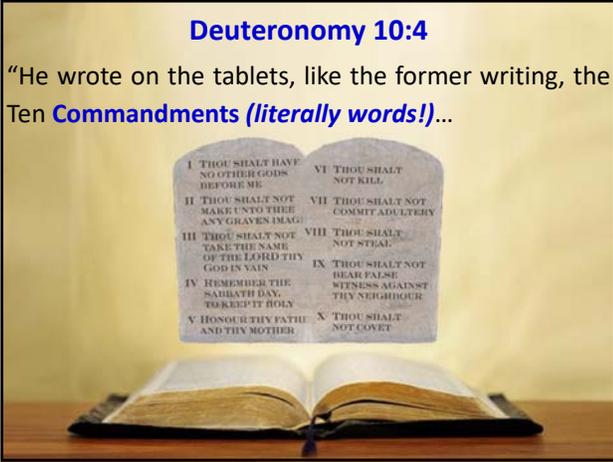
Deuteronomy 4:13

“So He declared to you His covenant...*that is*, the Ten **Commandments** (*literally words!*).



Deuteronomy 10:4

“He wrote on the tablets, like the former writing, the Ten **Commandments** (*literally words!*)...



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Were you aware that...



- ...the words of 'The 10 Commandments' were first **SPOKEN** by God, later **WRITTEN** down by Moses, then **WRITTEN** by God on tablets of stone?
- ...those tablets of stone were broken by Moses
- ...new tablets of stone were written again by God and placed in the Ark
- ...the "10 Words" were later spoken by Moses to the Children of Israel before they crossed the Jordan River?

Exodus 31:18

When He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written **by the finger of God**.

Deuteronomy 9:10

"The Lord gave me the two tablets of stone written by **the finger of God**; and on them were all the words which the Lord had spoken with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.



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Figure of Speech

A figure is simply a word or a sentence thrown into a peculiar form, different from its original or simplest meaning or use...It may be asked, "How are we to know, then, when words are to be taken in their simple, original form (i.e., literally), and when they are to be taken in some other and peculiar form (i.e., as a Figure)?" **The answer is that, whenever and wherever it is possible, the words of Scripture are to be understood literally, but when a statement appears to be contrary to our experience, or to known fact, or revealed truth; or seems to be at variance with the general teaching of the Scriptures, then we may reasonably expect that some figure is employed.** And as it is employed only to call our attention to some specially designed emphasis, we are at once bound to diligently examine the figure for the purpose of discovering and learning the truth that is thus emphasized.

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Figure of Speech

"Synecdoche of the Part" - where a part is put for the whole



"A finger is attributed to God, to denote the putting forth of His formative power, and the direct and immediate act of God."

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Figure of Speech

"the shadow of Your wings" (Psa. 17:8; 36:7; 57:1)



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Exodus 32:19

"It came about, as soon as Moses came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing; and Moses' anger burned, and **he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them** at the foot of the mountain."




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Deuteronomy 10:1-4

¹ "At that time the LORD said to me, 'Cut out for yourself two tablets of stone like the former ones, and come up to Me on the mountain, and make an ark of wood for yourself. ² 'I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered, and you shall put them in the ark.' ³ "So I made an ark of acacia wood and cut out two tablets of stone like the former ones, and went up on the mountain with the two tablets in my hand. ⁴ "He wrote on the tablets, like the former writing, the Ten Commandments which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me.



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Deuteronomy 11:31-32

³¹ "For you are about to cross the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall possess it and live in it, ³² and you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the judgments which I am setting before you today.



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Were you aware that...



- ...all of 'The 10 Commandments' were also clarified with additional laws? (i.e., how those presumed guilty were to be presented, charged, proven guilty, and punished)
- ...all of the rest of the laws in regard to 'The 10' were to be followed with equal attention to detail and 'weight', even in regards to the execution of the prescribed punishments?

John 8:1-5

¹ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and *began* to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery,...⁴ in the very act. ⁵ **“Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women;...**

Leviticus 20:10

If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, **the adulterer and the adulteress** shall surely be put to death.



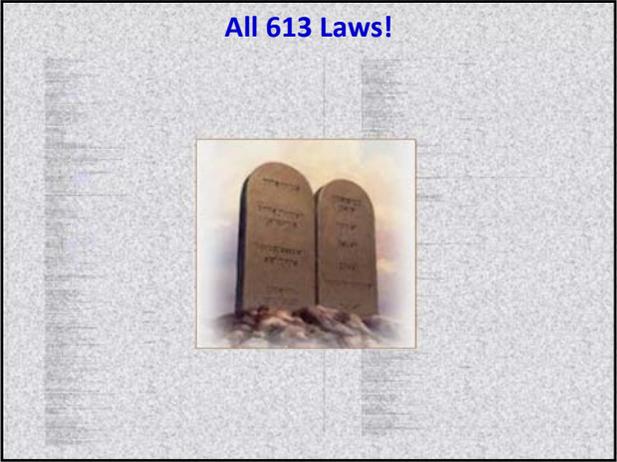
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The Ark of the Covenant
Exodus 25:10-22



Ark of the Covenant

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- ...'The 10' were not the first commands given in the Bible? – *being fruitful and multiplying (Gen. 1:28; 9:1, 7), and male circumcision (Gen. 17:1-14) and observing Passover (Exo. 12:1) were all given beforehand.*
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Acts 7:53

you who received the law as **ordained by angels**, and yet did not keep it.”

Galatians 3:19

Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been **ordained through angels** by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.

Hebrews 2:2

For if the word **spoken through angels** proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,



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Romans 7:4, 6

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Galatians 2:19

For through the Law **I died to the Law**, so that I might live to God.



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Grace - the Church's Reigning Principal!



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Romans 5:20-21

²⁰ **The Law** came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, **grace abounded all the more**, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, even so **grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**





Tom Constable
Expository Notes on the Bible (Ro 5:20). Galaxie Software. (2003).

One of the purposes of the Mosaic Law was to increase the sinfulness of people. It did so at least by exposing behavior that was until then not obviously contrary to God's will. God did this to prove man's sinfulness to him...**However when God provided Jesus Christ, He provided grace (favor) that far exceeded the sin that He exposed when He provided the Law.**

Law & Grace: Lesson 6 A Mountaintop Experience – Part 2

The Law is a ministry of death and condemnation – including 'The 10'



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Rom. 7:12-16

¹² So then, **the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.** ¹³ Therefore did **that which is good** become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through **that which is good**, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful. ¹⁴ For we know that **the Law is spiritual**, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that **the Law is good.**



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Exodus 35:2-3

² "For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a holy day, a sabbath of complete rest to the LORD; whoever does any work on it **shall be put to death**. ³ "You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the sabbath day."



Numbers 15:32-36

³² **Now while the sons of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering wood on the sabbath day.** ³³ Those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation; ³⁴ and they put him in custody because it had not been declared what should be done to him. ³⁵ **Then the Lord said to Moses, "The man shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp."** ³⁶ **So all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him to death** with stones, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.



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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.



2 Corinthians 3:12-16

¹² Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech, ¹³ and are not like **Moses, who used to put a veil over his face** so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. ¹⁵ But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; ¹⁶ but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.



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2 Corinthians 3:17-18

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⁷ What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; **for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet."** ⁸ But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, **produced in me coveting of every kind...**



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Sabbath Set Aside



- We've made reference to the fact that one of the 10 is not quoted in the New Testament, *namely the Sabbath*. (Colossians 2:16-17)

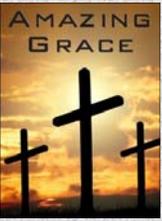
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Because of Love, we're under Grace



- *Salvation by grace through faith* was, and is, and will always be, the means of salvation...from the Garden of Eden until the very end of this present heaven and earth.
- But Grace is not just the means of our salvation, but also *the motive* for living, as well as *the means* for living and *the source of opportunity*, within the church body.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which **God prepared beforehand** so that we would walk in them.

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Ephesians 2:4-7

⁴ But God, being **rich in mercy**, because of His **great love** with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and **raised us up** with Him, and **seated us** with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the **surpassing riches** of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

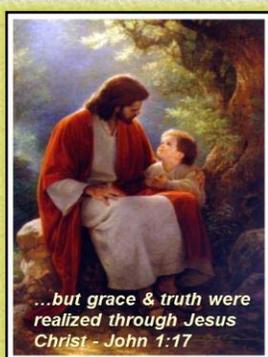


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CONCLUSION



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

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LIVING UNDER LAW OR UNDER GRACE?



What's your pleasure?
