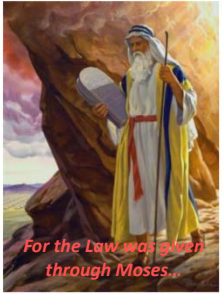



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For the Law was given through Moses...



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

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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.*

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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).** (emphasis mine)

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William R. Newell

*Romans Verse-by-Verse (p. 274).
Grand Rapids, MI: Christian Classics Ethereal Library.*

It is because Reformed theology has kept us Gentiles under the Law,—if not as a means of righteousness, then as “a rule of life,” that all the trouble has arisen. **The Law is no more a rule of life than it is a means of righteousness. Walking in the Spirit has now taken the place of walking by ordinances.** God has another principle under which He has put his saints: “Ye are not under law, but, under grace!” (italics mine)

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The Gospel of Matthew is very 'Israelitish'!
Matthew 1:1-2:23

- As we start into the text of the Gospel of Matthew, we will see that this book is very **'Israelite-ish'** (*Jewish in the context of ancient Israel*).



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The Gospel of Matthew is very 'Israelitish'!
Matthew 1:1-2:23

- And we will also see that Matthew makes a great effort to convey a **concern for the Law**.



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- Even Matthew's introduction, given for us in Matthew 1:1, reads, **"...the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham."**
- Genealogy records were at the temple.



Land, seed and blessing King, throne, kingdom

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The Genealogy of Christ
 Matthew 1:1-17

- Matthew begins with a **genealogy** made up of **three lists of 14 names**.
- It starts with Abraham, then goes to David. David's name is repeated, then the names go to the Babylonian exile, then to Christ.
- The three lists of 14 names are designed to be a **memory aid**.



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Matthew 1:1-17

Abraham was the father of Isaac... Jesse was the father of **David the king**. **David was the father** of Solomon... Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of **the deportation to Babylon**... Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom **Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah**.

1. Abraham	2. Isaac	3. Jacob	4. Joseph
5. David	6. Jeconiah	7. Josiah	8. Zerubbabel
9. David	10. Jeconiah	11. Josiah	12. Zerubbabel
13. David	14. Jeconiah	15. Josiah	16. Zerubbabel
17. David	18. Jeconiah	19. Josiah	20. Zerubbabel



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Hebrew Numerals					
1	א	10	י	100	ק
2	ב	20	כ	200	ר
3	ג	30	ל	300	ש
4	ד	40	מ	400	ת
5	ה	50	נ	500	תק
6	ו	60	ס	600	תר
7	ז	70	ע	700	תש
8	ח	80	פ	800	תת
9	ט	90	צ	900	תתק

- In Hebrew, which is the language of most of the Old Testament, the letters are also the numbering system.

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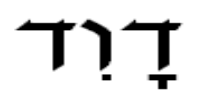
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- The name 'David', in the Hebrew numbering system, adds up to 14! Interesting!

4 + 6 + 4 = 14

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David

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- God had made covenants with **Abraham** and **David**.

Abrahamic Covenant		
ABRAHAMIC Genesis 15		
LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND Deuteronomy 29-30	DAVIDIC 2 Samuel 7:12-16	NEW Jeremiah 31:31-34



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing. (Deut. 28, Lev. 26)


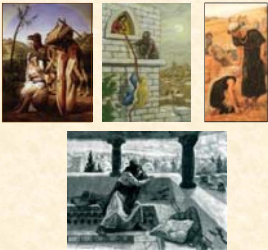
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Matthew 1:1-17

- Significant women are also named: **Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba** and **Mary**.



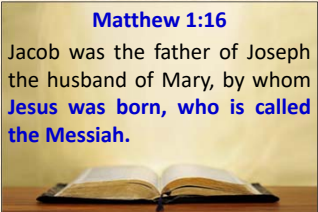
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"...who is called the Messiah."
Matthew 1:16

- At the very end of the genealogy in Matthew we see that Jesus is one **"who is called the Messiah"**.

Matthew 1:16
Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom **Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.**



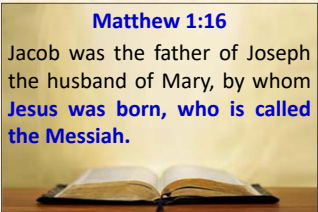
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- This phrase should not be thought of as indicating that Jesus was **merely called** the Messiah, but He really wasn't.

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- The words, **"who is called"**, in Israelite usage, means that a person is **legitimately and genuinely** called by that name (Isa. 43:7; 54:5 [used in Isaiah re: God]; Mat. 1:16; 10:2; Luke 1:61; John 4:25; 9:11; 11:16; Col. 4:11; Rev. 12:9).


<p>Isaiah 43:7 Everyone who is called by My name,...</p> 	<p>Isaiah 54:5 And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth.</p> 
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Christ's two genealogies
Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38

- Some critics of the Bible have said that **the two genealogies of Christ are not at all consistent**, but this is based on a misunderstanding.



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- Matthew's genealogy gives **Joseph's** legal line of descent, proving that he descended not only from Abraham, the father of the Israelite nation, but also from David, the founder of Israel's royal dynasty, through Solomon and **Jechoniah**.

 <p>Land, seed and blessing</p>	 <p>King, throne, kingdom</p>
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- Luke, on the other hand gives **Mary's** legal line of descent, proving that she also descended not only from Abraham, the father of the Israelite nation, but also from David, the founder of Israel's royal dynasty, **through his son, Nathan.**



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COMPARISON AND CONTRAST IN THE GOSPELS				
Book / Gospel	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Audience	Jews	Specifically Romans	Hellenized Gentiles	All
Creature Symbol: Ezekiel chapter 1 & Revelation chapter 4	Lion, as the Lion of Judah	Ox or Calf, as working	Man, Jesus as man	Eagle, Jesus' deity

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The Messiah
Matthew 1:1-17

- By double reference to King David in this genealogy, and by calling Jesus, 'The Messiah', **Matthew points to the specific fulfillment of all the Old Testament prophecies of Jesus, who is 'The Messiah'.**




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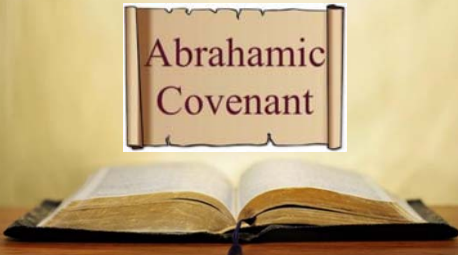
- 'The Messiah', who is 'the Christ', 'The Anointed One', is often **'hidden in plain sight'** in many places in the New Testament. For example, Ephesians has, 'The Christ' 23 times throughout the book, beginning with 1:10.



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Ephesians 1:9-10

⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in **the Christ**...




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According to Jewish tradition
Matthew 1:18-19

- The betrothal and the 'coming together' only after marriage was **all according to the Jewish law and traditions**.




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According to Jewish tradition
Matthew 1:18-19

- For Joseph to be righteous meant that **he was observant of the Law of Moses and all of the traditions of Judaism.**





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According to Jewish tradition
Matthew 1:18-19

- For Joseph to 'send her away secretly' meant that since she was pregnant before marriage, and he didn't want to disgrace her, he would seek a divorce from the court of Rabbi Hillel, where they didn't ask 'why' you wanted one.





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"Joseph, son of David..."
Matthew 1:20

- Somewhat like what happened to Jacob in Genesis 31:11, an angel appeared to Joseph just in time, in a dream, as happened to him twice again in Matthew 2:13, 19.



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Matthew 1:20; 2:13, 19

²⁰ But when he had considered this, behold, **an angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, **do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife**; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit...”^{2:13} Now when they had gone, behold, **an angel of the Lord** appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “**Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt**, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”...^{2:19} But when Herod died, behold, **an angel of the Lord** appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, ²⁰ “**Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel**; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.”




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“Joseph, son of David...”
Matthew 1:20


- The *‘angelic message pattern’* is:
 - 1) Go ahead, it’s OK (don’t be afraid to take Mary as his wife because this birth is of the Holy Spirit Verses 18-20.)
 - 2) Go away, fast!
 - 3) Go back, it’s OK



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Matthew 1:21-25

²¹ “She will bear a Son; and **you shall call His name Jesus, [Savior] for He will save His people from their sins.**” ²² Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through **the prophet**: ²³ “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.” ²⁴ And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and **he called His name Jesus [Savior]**.




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Hebrew Speech patterns in Genesis

God & Hagar in Genesis 16:11

The angel of the Lord said to her further,
"Behold, you are with child,
and **you will bear a son;**
and you shall call his name Ishmael...

God & Abraham in Genesis 17:18-19

And Abraham said to God,
"Oh that Ishmael might live before You!"
19 But God said, "No, but
Sarah **your wife will bear you a son,**
and you shall call his name Isaac...

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The Magi, Herod, & to Egypt & back
Matthew 2:1-2:23

- Matthew chapter 2 introduces the coming of the Magi, but *'How did they know where to look for the King of the Jews?'*
- There is a clear series of Old Testament passages that **could have** directed the Magi.




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Genesis 49:8-10


⁸ "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you. ⁹ "Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? ¹⁰ **"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes** (*literally - "until the one comes to whom it (the sceptre) belongs"*), And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.



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Numbers 24:15-17

¹⁵ He took up his discourse and said, "The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened, ¹⁶ The oracle of him who hears the words of God, And knows the knowledge of the Most High, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered. ¹⁷ "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; **A star shall come forth from Jacob, A scepter shall rise from Israel,** And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth.



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Psalms 45:6-7

⁶ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A **scepter** of uprightness is the **scepter** of Your kingdom. ⁷ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows.



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Matthew 2:1-2:23

- The Magi, having likely received the prophecies of the Old Testament, **first through Daniel** (Dan. 5:11-12) **and then through the other Jews living in the Babylonian and the Persian Empires**, saw a special star which told them that the King of the Jews had been born!
- The birth of Christ, as King of the Jews, **had been prophesied for 18 centuries!**



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The Magi, Herod, & to Egypt & back
Matthew 2:1-2:23

- And then Joseph was directed by an angel to **take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to flee Herod (2:13)**.
- After Herod died in March/April of 4 BC, **Joseph was then told by an angel return to Israel (2:19)**
- Finally, God warned Joseph not to return to Archelaus' territory (*Judea, Samaria, and Idumea*), **so they settled in Nazareth, Galilee.** (2:22-23).




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"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?"
Matthew 2:1-2:23

- This must have shaken Herod to his core. Herod had been given the title, "King of Judea" by the Roman Senate but Herod, an Idumean (Edomite) preferred the title, **"King of the Jews!"**



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AT JESUS' FIRST COMING...

- He was born the King of the Jews, and came primarily to the Jews, **as their Savior.**



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AT JESUS' SECOND COMING...

- He will come as King of the Jews and the King of Kings over the Gentiles.




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Galatians 4:4-5

⁴ But when the **fullness of the time** came, God sent forth His Son, **born of a woman, born under the Law**, ⁵ so that He might **redeem** those who were **under the Law**, that we might receive the **adoption as sons**.



FULLNESS OF THE TIME

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In our culture, when we think of adoption...



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Adoption as sons

- 'Adoption as sons' was a new Roman legal process whereby a Roman Emperor **would be assured of having an heir to the throne**.



Augustus Caesar
(Emperor: 31 BC-14 AD), an emperor who received 'the adoption as sons' (Galatians 4:5)

Tiberius Caesar
(Emperor: 14-37 AD), also an emperor who received 'the adoption as sons' (Galatians 4:5)


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Adoption as sons

In the classic movie 'Ben Hur' based on the novel by Lew Wallace




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Adoption as sons

Judah Ben Hur, the Jewish slave, rescues Roman General Quintus Arrius




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Adoption as sons

The grateful Roman General Quintus Arrius later adopted Judah Ben Hur as his son



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Adoption as sons

Judah Ben Hur went from being a slave, locked in chains and darkness...



...to having unrivaled wealth, power, and influence.




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Key word in Galatians 4:5

- **adoption as sons** (KJV: adoption of sons): The Greek word meant *son position*. If ever there was a statement of our position in Christ, this is it! (see also Ephesians 1:5 and Romans 8:15, 23, 24).



Adoption As Sons


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Ephesians 1:5

He predestined us to **adoption as sons** through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

Romans 8:15, 23, 24

¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of **adoption as sons** by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"...²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our **adoption as sons**, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?



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Key word in Galatians 4:5

- By Roman law the adopted son had a position far better than any natural-born son: a full heir, irreversible, and the adopted son was legally severed from any prior sonship (see Ephesians 2:2; 5:6 and Colossians 3:6).




Adoption As Sons

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Consequences of adoption under Roman Law


- The adopted son lost all rights in his old family and **gained more rights than a fully legitimate son, in his new family.**
- He became **an heir to his new father's estate, even if other sons were born afterwards.**



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Consequences of adoption under Roman Law



- The old life of the adopted son was completely wiped out, so that the adopted son was regarded as a new person entering into a new life.

Criminal Record


The scratch marks indicate that the debt was cancelled!

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Consequences of adoption under Roman Law



- The adopted son was literally and absolutely the son of his new father.

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Consequences of our adoption!



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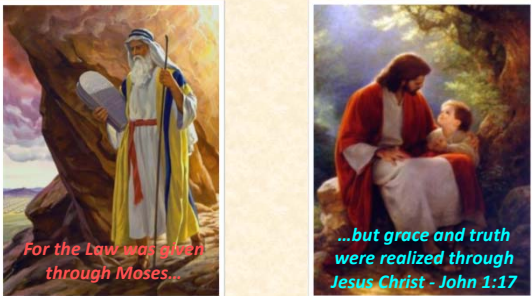
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