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Law and Grace: An Overview
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Law and 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.*

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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! (Rom. 6:14)”** (italics mine)

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Henry Ironside
The Continual Burnt Offering: Daily Meditations on the Word of God (p. 265). Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers.

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. – Romans 8:1


In Romans 7 we have a man renewed by the Spirit of God, but **struggling under law, hoping thereby to subdue or find deliverance from the power of the old Adamic nature (sin nature).** In chapter 8 we have **God's (only) way of deliverance** through the death and resurrection of Christ with which the believer is **identified** before God. The chapter begins with “no condemnation” and ends with “no separation.” All who are **in Christ Jesus** are **accepted in the Beloved** and as free from every charge of guilt as He is Himself. He [Jesus] paid our penalty on the cross. **Now we are linked up with Him in resurrection, not under law but under grace.**

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Law and Grace: Review The SOM – Matthew 5:1-8:1 (Luke 6:17-49)

Matthew's 3-Fold Purpose



To explain:

1. that Jesus, in whom Matthew's Israelite audience had believed, was indeed the long-awaited **Jewish Messiah**;
2. why the promised, messianic kingdom had been **postponed** despite the fact that the king had arrived; and,
3. the **interim** program of God during the messianic kingdom's absence.

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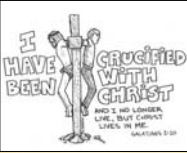
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Galatians 2:19-20

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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Matthew 10:5-8


⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: "**Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans;** ⁶ but rather **go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"



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Acts 14:26-27

²⁶ From there they [Paul & Barnabas] sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished. ²⁷ When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how **He [God] had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.**



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Law and Grace: The SOM – Matthew 5:1–8:1 (Luke 6:17–49)

GENERAL REVIEW TO CLARIFY TERMS AND DISTINCTIONS


- In this Law & Grace series, we have had 37 sessions so, this would be a good time to review terms and important distinctions for those who may not have been following along with us from the beginning.



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GENERAL REVIEW TO CLARIFY TERMS AND DISTINCTIONS




- In this session we'll endeavor to clarify some terms and key distinctions, so that when we use those terms their meaning is clearly and appropriately understood.

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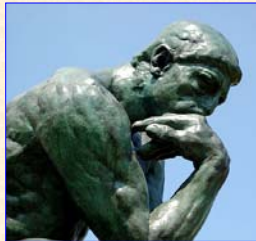
- In seeking to be clear and making distinctions, we need to address the question, "Are we just being really persnickety or are there indeed legitimate reasons for doing so?"



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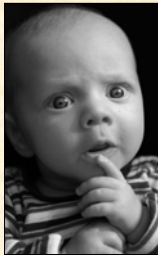
- In seeking to be clear we are wanting to have a good understanding of the answers to questions like:
 - Who am I?
 - Where did I come from?
 - Where am I going?
 - What is God doing?

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AND SOME OTHER QUESTIONS, TOO!


- Why is *“the gospel of the kingdom”* not the same as *“the gospel of salvation”* that we present to unbelievers currently?



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- Why is there more than one meaning in the Bible for the word, “kingdom”, depending on the context in which it is used?

Doesn't God just treat everybody the same, throughout all time and beyond?


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ALL SALVATIONS AREN'T THE SAME?

- Some are shocked and surprised to learn that the words 'salvation' and 'saved' and 'blessing' and 'blessed' do not have the same meaning nor do mean the same throughout the Bible.



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Deuteronomy 28:1-2

"¹ ...if you [Israel] diligently obey the Lord your God... ² [Then] All these blessings will come upon you [Israel]..."

Ephesians 1:3

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ALL 'SALVATIONS' AREN'T THE SAME?

- Though Christ died for all the sins of all humans for all of time, not everyone who believes and is saved of all time is positionally 'in Christ'.



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- *Noah was not 'in Christ', Abraham was not 'in Christ', Moses was not 'in Christ', nor was David 'in Christ'.*




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ALL 'SALVATIONS' AREN'T THE SAME?

- *... nor even the saved thief on the Cross!*



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THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE

- The three different groups of people in the Bible are the Gentiles, Israel and the Church:

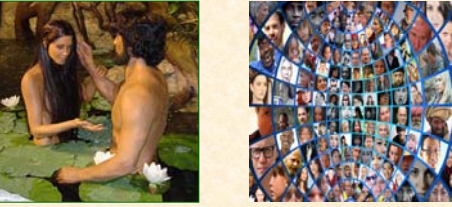


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THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE – GENTILES

- The Gentiles are all peoples descended from Adam, who are not ethnically Jewish.



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THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE – ISRAEL

- The Jews are all those who trace both their physical lineage and ethnicity through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

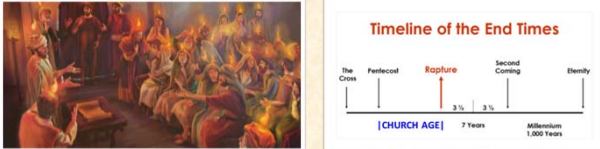


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THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE – THE CHURCH

- The Church is all those, regardless of ethnic distinction, who are saved by faith from the beginning of the Church on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) until the catching away of the Church at the Rapture.



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Hebrews 11:7

By faith [Noah](#), being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark...by which he [condemned the world](#)...

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

²¹ For...[by a man](#) came death,... ²² For as [in Adam](#) all die..."



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1 Corinthians 10:1-2

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all [under the cloud](#) and all [passed through the sea](#); ² and all [were baptized into Moses](#) in the cloud and in the sea...

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Romans 6:3

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Galatians 3:27

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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Leviticus 26:3, 9

³ 'If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out,...⁹...**I will** turn toward you and **make you fruitful and multiply you**....

Deuteronomy 28:4, 11

⁴ "Blessed shall be the **offspring** of your body...¹¹ "The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the **offspring** of your body..."



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Galatians 3:10–12

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "**CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM.**" ¹¹ Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." ¹² However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM." (cf. Deu. 27:26)

James 2:10

¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.



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Genesis 6:3

Then the LORD said, “**My Spirit shall not strive with man forever**, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

Joel 2:28a

“It will come about...That **I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind...**”



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Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers...³³ "But this is the covenant which I will make...declares the LORD, "**I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it;**...³⁴ "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for **they will all know Me**...declares the LORD...




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Ezekiel 11:19-20; 36:26

¹⁹ "And **I will** give them one heart, and **put a new spirit within them**. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰ that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.

^{36:26} "Moreover, **I will** give you a new heart and **put a new spirit within you**; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ "**I will put My Spirit within you** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.



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Matthew 27:11

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "***It is as you say.***"

John 18:37

³⁷ Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "***You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.***"



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WHY WOULD WE GO THROUGH ALL OF THIS?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since Christians have not always understood these truths clearly, they haven't known what God intends therefore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Some have thought themselves under some or all of the Law of Moses. – Some have seen themselves as an earthly people with conditional earthly blessings. – Some have seen Christ as their King and the Church as the Kingdom, ultimately leading to antisemitism.

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BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

- Some Christians mistakenly see it as their godly responsibility to take dominion over the earth politically, and economically and militarily, for Christ.
- Some have not **fully understood** what actually took place on the cross.

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MOTIVE, MEANS & OPPORTUNITY

- In the Body of Christ our motive for how we live is distinct:
 - Grace and mercy are to be our **motives** (cf. Eph. 4:32).

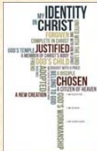


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- In the Body of Christ we have a **means** of living that is from the life of Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit.




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- Our **opportunity** is not to be conditionally blessed or cursed in earthly ways like Israel under the Law, but rather to walk as children of light, as ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ, and living out the life of Christ before a lost and dying world.



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