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Law and Grace: An Overview
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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! (Rom. 6:14)”* (italics mine)

PDF Download Here: https://archive.org/details/Romans_Verse_By_Verse-NewellWR

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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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Matthew's 3-Fold Purpose



To explain:

1. that Jesus in whom they had believed was the long-awaited **Jewish Messiah**
2. why the kingdom had been **postponed** despite the fact that the king had arrived
3. the **interim** program of God during the kingdom's absence

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THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE



GENTILES **ISRAEL** **ISRAEL**

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	GENTILES	ISRAEL	CHURCH
ALSO CALLED	nations, peoples	Hebrews, Jews	body & bride of Christ
BEGAN IN	Genesis 1-11	Genesis 12-50	Acts 2-28
PRIMARY STEWARD (S)	Adam, Noah	Moses	Christ
REIGNING PRINCIPLE	Law of Conscience	Law of Moses	Grace
WHOSE WORKS	Self	Self	Christ's
CHRIST DIED FOR	all	all	all
SAVED	Some, by faith	Some, by faith	All, by faith
IDENTIFICATION, BAPTISM, & PHRASING IN SCRIPTURE	In Adam, with Noah, "among the nations"	Baptized into Moses, "in Israel"	Baptized into Christ, "In Christ"

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	GENTILES	ISRAEL	CHURCH
NATURE OF BLESSINGS	Initial blessings for Adam & Noah; earthly reproduction	Conditional, earthly	Unconditional, heavenly
EARTHLY DIFFICULTIES	Fall; the limitations are to cause mankind to seek God	Curses for disobedience	Trials for conformity to Christ or for discipline
GRACE	Partial	Partial	Reigning principle
SPIRIT'S ROLE	Will be poured out on all of mankind, in the kingdom	New Covenant promise in the coming kingdom	Indwells each believer all of the time
CHRIST'S KINGDOM TITLE	King of kings & Lord of lords (over the Gentile nations)	King of Israel, Messiah	The Bridegroom, with Whom we reign
GOSPEL (S)	Substitution	Kingdom & substitution	Substitution

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GENTILES, ISRAEL & THE CHURCH - PART II

- We could title our message today, “Where are **they** and where are **we**?”, because a fundamental and key point we want to make clear is, “Where does God have each of these three groups positioned?”



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BECAUSE LOCATION MATTERS...



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HERE'S THE PATTERN




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HERE'S THE PATTERN

- Gentiles, who are all of the non-Jews, begun in Adam, are an ethnic distinction whose place was and will be on the earth.




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HERE'S THE PATTERN

- Israel, who is all of the Jews, begun in Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is earthly, and the Gentiles' access to God, forever.




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HERE'S THE PATTERN

- We in the body of Christ are a spiritual body, composed of ethnic Gentiles and Jews, whose blessings, spiritual location, and citizenship are heavenly in Christ.



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Philippians 3:20

For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...



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AND THEY'RE OFF – WAY OFF!




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- The Gentiles, who all began in fallen Adam, had as their primary stewards Adam and Noah.



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AND THEY'RE OFF – WAY OFF!

- Under the founding Gentiles, the earth was the center of their domain:
 - **Earth was given a rainbow as a sign that God would not ever flood it again. .**



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GENTILES, NATIONS, PEOPLES: EARTHLY

- In the chart from our last session, we said that the Gentiles are also called ‘the nations’ and ‘the peoples’ in God’s word.
- In the Greek translation of the Old Testament called the Septuagint (LXX) and in the New Testament, the Greek word most often translated Gentile, is *ethnos*.


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GENTILES, NATIONS, PEOPLES: EARTHLY

- Typical terms in the Bible that refer to the Gentiles are:
 - Nations of the earth
 - Peoples of the earth
 - Kings of the earth
- These terms all identify and underscore that earth is their home.



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ISRAEL, HEBREWS, JEWS: EARTHLY FOR THE SAKE OF BLESSING AND ACCESS

- Abraham, and then Isaac and Jacob were promised an earthly land, and Moses led the Israelites to it, also giving them the Law (all 613!).



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- As the Israelites obey the Law of Moses they will be blessed in earthly ways and will have the respect of the Gentiles.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2
“¹...if you diligently obey the Lord your God...² All these blessings will come upon you...”



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**ISRAEL, HEBREWS, JEWS: EARTHLY FOR THE
SAKE OF BLESSING AND ACCESS**

- The Israelites, from the tabernacle in the wilderness to the four temples in Jerusalem and the New Jerusalem are the Gentiles' access.



"Access to God!"

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Israel

Gentiles

The Church

Acts 2

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THE FUTURE TOLD, WELL IN ADVANCE



- Before the seven-year Tribulation period begins, all Church Age believers will be taken up to be with the Lord (the Rapture) and we, in the Church, will forever be the Bride of Christ, ever to be with Him as His bride.

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THE CHURCH, CHRIST'S BRIDE, RAPTURED!



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THE FUTURE TOLD, WELL IN ADVANCE

Tribulation **Millennial Kingdom** Eternity

7 years 1000 years timeless

• **After** the seven-year Tribulation period, Jesus Christ will return to earth to reign during the Millennial Kingdom and when He comes, He will come with angels, Old Testament saints, Martyred Tribulation saints... **AND US!**



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Tribulation **Millennial Kingdom** Eternity

• During the Millennial Kingdom the earth will be **repopulated** by both Jews and Gentiles who have come to faith in Jesus and also survived, the seven-year Tribulation period.



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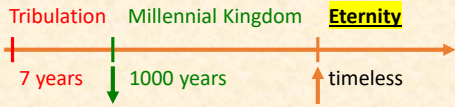
- During the Millennial Kingdom Christ will reign from Jerusalem as:
 - the King of Israel, and as
 - the King of kings and Lord of lords over the Gentiles.
- Christ will not reign over the Church as He will over Israel and the Gentiles, rather, we in the Church will reign with Christ as His bride.



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- After the Millennial Kingdom we will transition into the Eternal State, where God will create New Heavens and a New Earth.
- The New Jerusalem will be relocated from Heaven to the New Earth and both will be populated by believers of all dispensations, who will all have new, resurrected, bodies.

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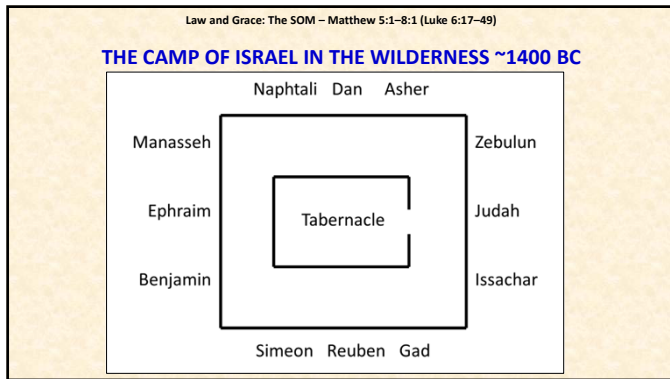
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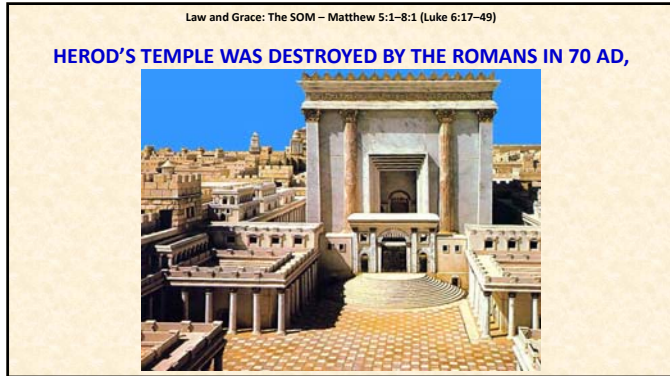


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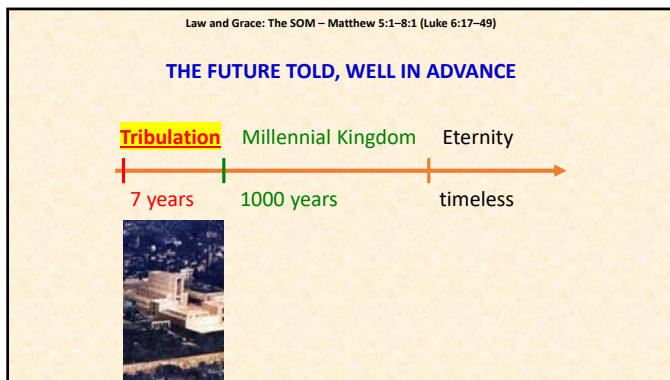


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Isaiah 49:22-23

GENTILES AND ISRAEL - THEIR RELATIONSHIP DURING CHRIST'S REIGN ON EARTH

²² Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will lift up My hand to the **nations** and set up My standard to the **peoples**; and they will bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters will be carried on their shoulders. ²³ Kings will be your guardians, and their princesses your nurses. They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth and lick the dust of your feet; and you will know that I am the Lord; those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame."

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Zechariah 8:20-23

THE GENTILES WILL COME TO CHRIST THROUGH THE JEWS, DURING CHRIST'S REIGN ON EARTH

²⁰ "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'It will yet be that **peoples** will come, even the inhabitants of many cities. ²¹ The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, "Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts; I will also go." ²² 'So many **peoples** and mighty **nations** will come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord.' ²³ "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'In those days ten men from all the **nations** will grasp the garment of a **Jew**, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that **God is with you**."

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WHEN CHRIST REIGNS, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WILL BE HIGHLY REGARDED BECAUSE CHRIST WILL BE HIGHLY REGARDED

- When Christ reigns, the nations (i.e., the Gentiles) they will truly uphold, support and even regard highly the people of Israel.
- This is an aspect of the Gentiles' part in fulfilling God's eternal purpose - *What eternal purpose is that?*

To declare, reveal, and share God's glory so that He will be glorified.



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WHEN CHRIST REIGNS, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WILL BE HIGHLY REGARDED BECAUSE CHRIST WILL BE HIGHLY REGARDED

- The Lord has seen fit to set saved Jews, Gentiles and we in the Church in different relationship with Himself, but all three groups will fulfill God's eternal purpose in their appointed role.



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The end of this present heavens & earth

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• God will create a new heavens and a new earth, the center of which will be in a New Jerusalem.



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THE FUTURE TOLD, WELL IN ADVANCE

• The New Jerusalem will have 12 gates, 3 on each side, one for each of the 12 tribes of Israel.



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ISRAEL WAS AND WILL BE THE GENTILES' ACCESS TO GOD

• Just as Israel once became the means of access to God for the Gentiles, the Gentiles will have their access to God through Israel in both the coming earthly kingdom and in the new heavens and the new earth.



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- The gates of access into the New Jerusalem will be named for each of the tribes of Israel but will also consist of the same precious stones that were on the breastplate of the High Priest, and the kings of the earth will bring in the glory of nations (cf. Rev. 21:4-6).



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WE IN THE CHURCH HAVE A DIFFERENT CALLING & LOCATION

Seated in the heavenlies?



- We in the Church, the body of Christ, the bride of Christ, have a different location and standing, now and forever, that is distinct from both the Gentiles and Israel!



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WE IN THE CHURCH HAVE A DIFFERENT CALLING & LOCATION

- Gentiles are those 'among the nations' and according to 1 Corinthians 10:1-2, Israel is those who were all 'baptized into Moses'. But...



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WE IN THE CHURCH HAVE A DIFFERENT CALLING & LOCATION

...only Church Age believers are baptized into Christ – made to be ‘in Christ’.

In Christ



1 Corinthians 1:30

"But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus..."




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HEAVEN IS WHERE WE'RE AT!

- There in the heavenlies in Christ is:
 - where we are blessed;
 - where we are seated with Him;
 - where we have our citizenship; and
 - where we breathe in pure grace

This is the unique calling and location of the Church, the Body and Bride of Christ alone!



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Ephesians 2:4-7
EXPANDED AND EXPLAINED

⁴ But the one true God, being **wealthy in mercy**, so as to withhold punishment that was justly due us, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead, so as to be spiritually separated from God in our transgressions, made us alive together with the Christ - the Messiah! (by grace, which is God's unmerited favor, you have been permanently and irreversibly saved – forever) ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus - the full and final consequence of having been baptized into Him, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He will show, so as to visibly demonstrate, **the awesome wealth of His grace** in kindness to us who are in Christ Jesus.



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Infinite grace of such magnitude that it will take ABBA, Father **all eternity** to fully, explicitly, and graphically demonstrate it to us!

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