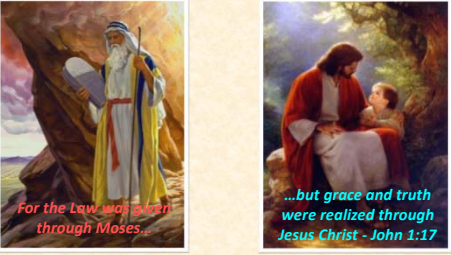


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**OUR PURPOSE, AIM AND OBJECTIVE**



...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)

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

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**. In chapter 8 we have God’s 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 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 - Matthew

### 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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Law and Grace: Review - Matthew

### Matthew and the Kingdom



1. **offered**
2. **rejected**
3. **postponed**
  - *Interim program*
4. ultimately **accepted**

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Law and Grace: Review - Matthew

### Matthew's Message

- Jesus is the predicted Jewish king who ushered in an interim program by building the sons of the kingdom into the Church in between Israel's past rejection and future acceptance of her king.



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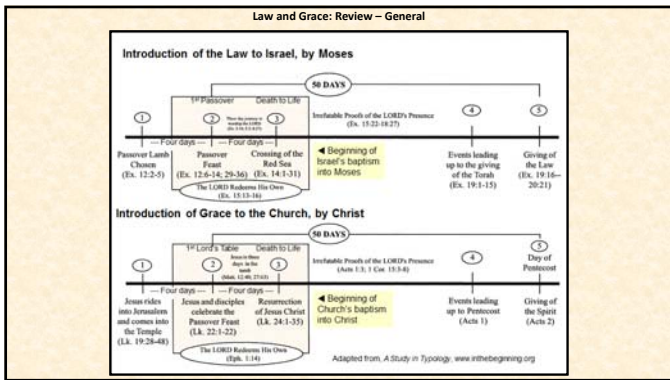
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Law and Grace: Review – General

### CHARTING THE THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE

	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
REGINING 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"

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

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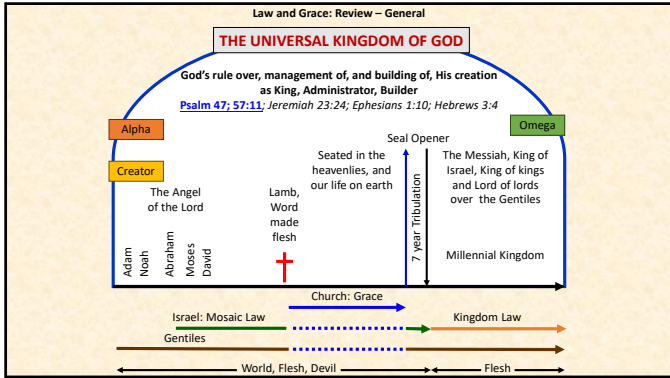
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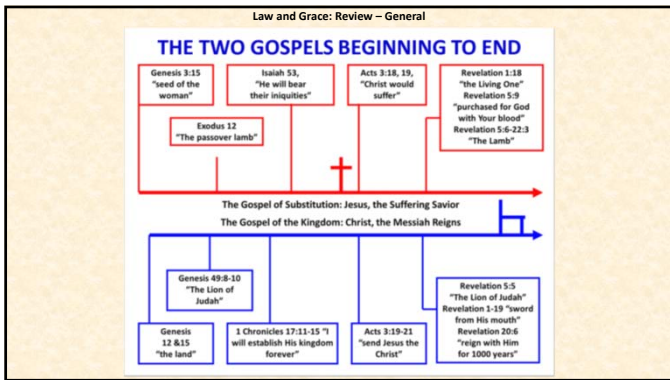
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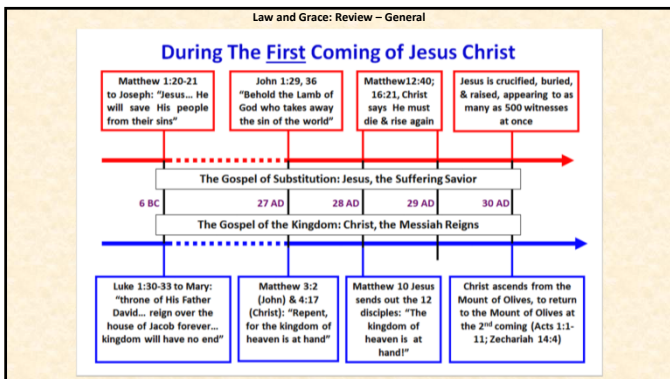
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**SOME INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS**

- There are important reasons for going through all of these studies:
  - Much of so-called Christendom teaches a **manmade mixture of mini-law and mini-grace.**



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**SOME INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS**

- But when examined closely, we see that God never intended the Law of Moses to be any **less** than the 613 individual laws.



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**SOME INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS**

- Likewise, God's amazing grace is infinitely awesome.



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**IT'S ABOUT WHO YOU'RE INTO...**

- The Israelites, to whom were given the unabridged set of 613 laws by Moses, were all **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and the sea.
- The Law was good and holy and righteous (cf. Romans 7:12).



**1 Corinthians 10:1-2**  
<sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers...<sup>2</sup>...all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;



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**IT'S ABOUT WHO YOU'RE INTO...**

- We who are in the Church have died to the Law of Moses as we have been baptized into Christ, in His death**, burial; resurrection, ascension and seating with Him, there in the heavenlies.



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**WE'RE NOT JUST BEING PICKY; WE'RE LOOKING FOR CLARITY!**

- The Israelites were given the Law by Moses and baptized into him.



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**WE'RE NOT JUST BEING PICKY; WE'RE LOOKING FOR CLARITY!**

- We in the Church (the Body of Christ, the Bride), have been baptized into Christ and have died to the Law.



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**WE'RE NOT JUST BEING PICKY; WE'RE LOOKING FOR CLARITY!**

- Sadly, much of the variation among Christian groups and denominations is in fact, due to the mixing Law and Grace!



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**WE'RE NOT JUST BEING PICKY; WE'RE LOOKING FOR CLARITY!**

- Is the best we have to offer people a mixture of Law and Grace?



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Law and Grace: Relationship, Position, and Blessing – Does It Matter?

**WE SEEK CLARITY ABOUT SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS!**

- Who am I and who are we?
- Where did we come from and what is our spiritual history?
- Where is my and our citizenship, home, and hope, and where and how am I blessed?



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**WE SEEK CLARITY ABOUT SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS!**



- What exactly is the nature of my and our relationship with God, now and on into eternity?
- What is the reigning principle governing my life on earth and for all eternity?

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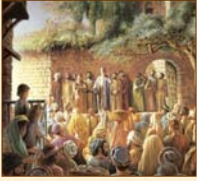
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**WHO AM I AND WHO ARE WE?**

- **We, from the time that we believed the gospel of salvation**, were placed into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:13).
- This has been **true from Acts 2, and will be until the rapture.**



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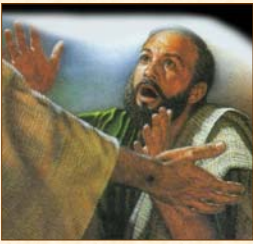
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**WHO AM I AND WHO ARE WE?**



- Yet, although we have been placed into the body of Christ, the church, **we also have an individual and personal relationship with Christ that is unique and unlike another....**

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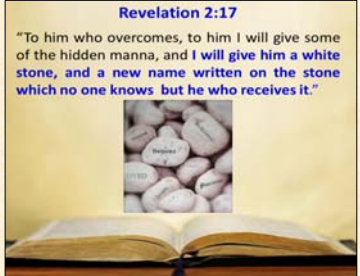
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**WHO AM I AND WHO ARE WE?**

**Revelation 2:17**

**"To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it."**



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**WHERE DID WE COME FROM...WHAT IS OUR SPIRITUAL HISTORY?**

- Physically, we are descended from Adam and Eve, and though tarnished by Adam's sin, we still bear the image of God.



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**THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD**

PASSAGE	IMAGE	LIKENESS	KEY POINT
Gen. 1:26	X	X	made in God's image and likeness
Gen. 1:27	X		made in God's image - male and female
Gen. 5:1		X	made in God's likeness; summary
Gen. 9:6	X		made in God's image – so give respect to that image in person
1 Cor. 11:7	X		made in God's image – woman is the glory of man re: Church
Jam. 3:9		X	made in God's likeness and a warning about cursing others

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**WHERE DID WE COME FROM...WHAT IS OUR SPIRITUAL HISTORY?**

- But when each of us believed, we were taken out of Adam, and were then placed into Christ – identified with Him.



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**WHERE DID WE COME FROM...WHAT IS OUR SPIRITUAL HISTORY?**

- Being in Christ, a new kind of man, we share His spiritual history, as He died, was buried, raised, ascended and seated.



In Christ

crucified, buried, raised, ascended, seated

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**John 17:24**

“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

**1 John 3:2**

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.



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**HEAVEN'S WHERE WE'RE AT!**

- There in the heavenlies 'in Christ' is where we are blessed. (cf. Eph.1:3)
- There in the heavenlies 'in Christ' is where we are seated with Him. (cf. Eph. 2:6)



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**HEAVEN'S WHERE WE'RE AT!**

- There in the heavenlies 'in Christ' is **where we have our citizenship.**
- There in the heavenlies 'in Christ' is **where we are to set our minds.**
- It is there in the heavenlies 'in Christ' **where we have our certain hope, untouchable, untarnished.**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, **keep seeking the things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> **Set your mind on the things above**, not on the things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.



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**THROUGH CHRIST, WE HAVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ETERNAL TRINITY**

- **Through Christ we have access to the Father, by means of the Spirit.**
- And one of the prime truths of our identification with Christ is that **it is the eternal basis for intimacy with Him.**



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**THROUGH CHRIST, WE HAVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ETERNAL TRINITY**

- **Those baptized into Moses** had to keep their distance or die (cf. Ex. 19:10-25),...



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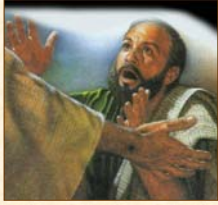
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**THROUGH CHRIST, WE HAVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ETERNAL TRINITY**

- ...but **we who have been baptized into Christ are spiritually and intimately close to Him, and are transformed into His image as we behold Him in the word.**



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**Who are you?**

- **You are** of the Body of Christ, a church-age saint, of His flock, bought with a price, Christ's brethren.
- **You are** also God's child by the adoption of sons (cf. 1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 20:17-38; 1 Cor. 6:2; 7:23).



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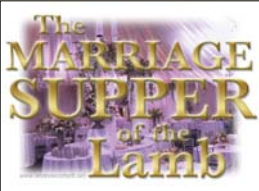
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**Who are you?**



- From the end of the gospels to the end of the last book of the Bible **you are**, altogether, the Bride of Christ – *human marriage here is the shadow.*
- Intimacy with Christ **now** is the prelude to **eternal intimacies** with Jesus Christ once we are glorified!

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**We're saying this because...?**

- In the context of the **Gospel of Matthew**, when we read about the kingdom of heaven (*i.e., kingdom of God*), which refers to the future reign of Christ during the Millennial Kingdom, **our place and position in that Coming Kingdom will not be the same as that of the Israelites.**



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**Kingdom of God = kingdom of heaven?**

- The term 'kingdom of God' is taken as a synonym for the 'kingdom of heaven'.
- The Jews often used 'heaven' as a synonym for God to avoid the risk of taking God's name **in vain**.



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**Kingdom of God = kingdom of heaven?**

- The phrase 'kingdom of heaven' **only occurs in Matthew** while parallel passages in the other gospels (Mark, Luke and John) have 'kingdom of God', but no other Bible passage explains or suggests any difference in the use or understood meaning between these terms. **Why is this?**
- Could it be that of the four gospels, Matthew Mark Luke and John, the only one that was uniquely and specifically written directly **to the Jews** was... *Matthew*?

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**Matthew 19:23-24**

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the **kingdom of heaven**. <sup>24</sup> **Again I say to you**, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the **kingdom of God**.”



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**We're saying this because...?**

- When Christ said that He didn't come to abolish the Law or the Prophets (cf. Matthew 5:17-19), He was speaking **to Israelites in Israel**.



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**Matthew 5:17–19**

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I came to abolish the **Law or the Prophets**; I did not come to **abolish** but to **fulfill**. <sup>18</sup> “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law **until** all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> “Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



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**We're saying this because...?**

- Christ will be the **King** of Israel and **King of kings** over the Gentiles, but He will be our **groom**.



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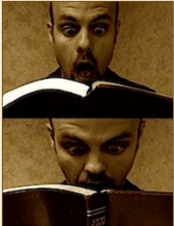
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**THE CHURCH AS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST – TWO ISSUES**

- Does the Bible teach this and what is the significance of this imagery and symbolism? (cf. Mark 2:19-20; John 3:29; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:24-25)



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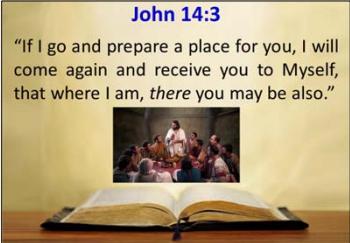
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**IMAGINE THE SURPRISE OF THE DISCIPLES...**

- In John 14:3, Jesus tells the disciples...

**John 14:3**

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also."



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**IMAGINE THE SURPRISE OF THE DISCIPLES...**



- These were the sort of words that a Jewish groom would say to his bride once the engagement had taken place and he was going to build a home for them both to live in.

“...I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”

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**IMAGINE THE SURPRISE OF THE DISCIPLES...**

- Jesus, in the middle of His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane said the following words with us in mind.

**John 17:17**  
Sanctify them in the **truth**; Your word is **truth**.”



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**IMAGINE THE SURPRISE OF THE DISCIPLES...**



- In the Jewish wedding customs, from engagement until the time of the wedding, the father was responsible for keeping the bride consecrated, **sanctified**, and set apart exclusively for her bridegroom.

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### GENTILES, ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

- In the kingdom the **Gentiles** will come to Jesus Christ the Messiah through the people of **Israel**. (cf. Zech. 8:23)
- Christ reigning over the people of Israel in the land of **Israel** will be the fulfillment of the promised kingdom of God.



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### GENTILES, ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH



Ezekiel 36:22-28;  
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm chapter 2

- **The people of Israel will be indwelt by the Holy Spirit** to know and live out Kingdom Law. (cf. Ezekiel 36:22-28; Jeremiah 31:31-34)
- The Gentiles will also be ruled under Kingdom Law as is indicated by the Scriptures use of the term, “rod of iron”. (cf. Psalm 2; Rev. 12:5).
- But **we in the Church will forever be the people of Grace.**

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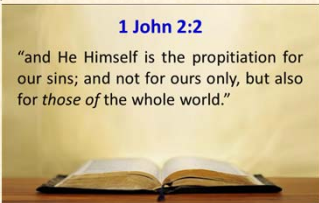
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Law and Grace: Relationship, Position, and Blessing – Does It Matter?

### THE CROSS WAS A CROSSROAD

- **The Cross does not mean the very same thing for all people of all time. For everyone.** Christ’s death on the cross is His death for our sins (cf. 1 John 2:2).



**1 John 2:2**  
“and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of the whole world.*”

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**THE CROSS WAS A CROSSROAD**

But only we in the Church have been crucified with Him.

In Christ



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**THE CROSS WAS A CROSSROAD**

- And **for Israelites** the cross meant the blood ratification of the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 22:20).



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**Session 43 Outline**

- I. **Review**
  - A. Purpose, Aim, and Objective
  - B. Review Session 42
- II. Relationship, Position, and Blessing – Does It Matter?
  - A. Where we've been and where we're going.
- III. Concluding Observations

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**Grace is and will be the reigning principle**

**Romans 5:17; 21**

<sup>17</sup> For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the **abundance of grace** and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ...<sup>21</sup> so that, as sin reigned in death, even so **grace would reign** through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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**Grace is to be our motivation in life!**

**Ephesians 4:32**

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as **God in Christ also has forgiven you.**” (cf. Colossians 3:12–13)



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**Grace is to be a strengthener**

**Hebrews 13:9**

“...for it is good for the heart to be **strengthened by grace...**”



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**God's grace to us is from His wealth of grace**

**Ephesians 2:6-7**

"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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**God's demonstration of grace will occupy us forever**

**Ephesians 2:6-7**

"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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**1 Corinthians 2:9**

"...it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."



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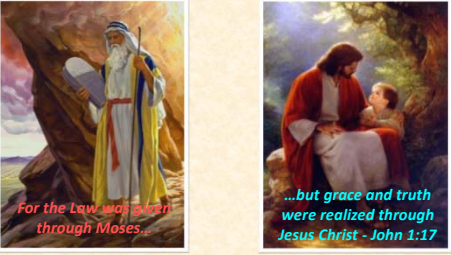
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*For the Law was given through Moses...*

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

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