

Law and Grace: An Overview
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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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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.

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 to his **believing** Jewish brethren:

1. that Jesus was indeed the long-awaited **Jewish Messiah**;
2. why the kingdom had been **postponed** despite the fact that the king had arrived;
3. and, the **interim** program of God during the kingdom’s postponement.

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Matthew 5:20

“For I say to you that unless your righteousness **surpasses** that of the scribes and Pharisees, **you will not enter** the kingdom of heaven.”

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THE MOSAIC (LAW) & NEW (GRACE) COVENANT CONTRASTS			
1. Economy	(Old)	New	v. 6
2. Type	Letter	Spirit	v. 6
3. Result Manward	Death	Life	v. 6
4. Vehicle	Stone	Spirit	v. 7
5. Result Godward	Some Glory	Greater Glory	vv. 7, 8, 10
6. Purpose	Condemnation	Righteousness	v. 9
7. Duration	Temporary	Permanent	v. 11
8. Symbol	Veil	Mirror	vv. 13–18
9. Initiator	Moses	Christ	vv. 12–14

Constable, T. (2003). Tom Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible (2 Co 3:10). Galaxie Software

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TO WHOM IS JESUS SPEAKING?

Roses are **red**
And violets are **bluish**

Those to whom Jesus
is speaking are **Jewish!**



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JESUS RETURNED BY BOAT BACK TO - CAPERNAUM
Matthew 9:1



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AN UNSPOKEN ACCUSATION ARISING FROM A MIRACLE
Matthew 9:2-8

- Jesus had not incurred religious opposition in chapter 8, but in chapter 9, we encountered the first of 3 instances of opposition to His ministry manifested when the Scribes and the Pharisees accused Jesus of blaspheming for **'forgiving the sins'** of the paralytic (**vv. 2-8**).



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TWO ISSUES NOT ARISING FROM MIRACLES
Matthew 9:9-17

- Then in vv. 9-17, we noted 2 additional issues that arose:
 - Vs. 9-13: Jesus calls Matthew, the tax collector, and the Pharisees question His disciples about eating with the tax collectors and sinners.
 - Vs. 14-17: the disciples of both John the Baptist and the Pharisees ask Jesus why it is that they fast, but they don't see Jesus disciples fasting according to Jewish tradition.



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DID THE PHARISEES RECOGNIZE THEIR SPIRITUAL NEED?
Matthew 9:1-17



- The Pharisees did not recognize their need for a Savior because they believed their competence in the Law of Moses and the traditions was totally adequate to meet their needs, so they rejected Christ.

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DID JOHN'S DISCIPLES RECOGNIZE SPIRITUAL THEIR NEED?
Matthew 9:1-17

- John the Baptist's disciples recognized their need to the point of being John's disciples.
- But they didn't see their greater need for the One to whom John had been pointing!

"Behold the Lamb of God!"

"He must increase and I must decrease!"



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SIX THINGS JESUS DOES
Matthew 9:18-38



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SIX THINGS JESUS DOES
Matthew 9:18-38

- Stops a woman's chronic blood loss...



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SIX THINGS JESUS DOES
Matthew 9:18-38

- Raises Jairus' once dead daughter... (cf. Mark 5:22-43; Luke 8:41-56)



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SIX THINGS JESUS DOES
Matthew 9:18-38

- Heals two blind men see...



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SIX THINGS JESUS DOES
Matthew 9:18-38

- Delivers a man, demon possessed and mute. . .



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SIX THINGS JESUS DOES
Matthew 9:18-38

- Extensively teaches, proclaims the kingdom, and heals. . .



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SIX THINGS JESUS DOES
Matthew 9:18-38

- Observes the crowds and tells the disciples: **PRAY!**

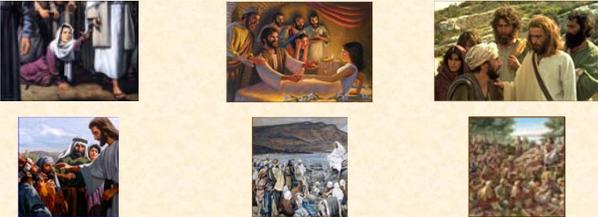


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SIX THINGS JESUS DOES
Matthew 9:18-38

- His purpose: to proclaim and to validate that He, Jesus, is indeed Israel's long-promised Messiah.



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Matthew 9:18

¹⁸ While He was saying these things to them, (a reference to John's disciples cf. vv.14-17) a synagogue official came and bowed down before Him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live."



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FIRST, THE SYNAGOGUE LEADER COMES
Matthew 9:18

- The synagogue official (**ἀρχων** *árchōn*), who is very likely the leader at the synagogue in Capernaum, comes to Jesus, bowing to Him and asking that Jesus come to raise his daughter from the dead!



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FIRST, THE SYNAGOGUE LEADER COMES
Matthew 9:18

- This account is also found in Mark 5:22-42 and Luke 8:41-56, where we find that the synagogue official (ἀρχων *archōn*), is named Jairus, and **HE FIRST CAME TO JESUS ASKING FOR HEALING**, only later to learn that his daughter had died.



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Matthew 9:19-22

...¹⁹ Jesus got up and *began* to follow him, and so *did* His disciples. ²⁰ And a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak; ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch His garment, I will get well.” ²² But Jesus turning and seeing her said, “Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well.” At once the woman was made well....



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AS JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES ARE GOING...
Matthew 9:19-22

- As Jesus and His disciples are going to Jairus’ house, along with a great and pressing crowd, a woman who had a chronic flow of blood just touches Jesus’ garment – *and Jesus knows it.*



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AS JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES ARE GOING...
Matthew 9:19-22

- She had suffered with this condition for 12 years, but Jesus encourages her, making note that her faith has made her well. (cf. Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48)



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JAIRUS, YOU'RE TOO LATE...
Matthew 9:23-26

- During the delay caused by the woman and the crowd, Jairus' only daughter has now died – so Jairus' servants tell him not to bother Jesus. (cf. Mark 5:22-42; Luke 8:41-56)



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JAIRUS, YOU'RE TOO LATE...
Matthew 9:23-26

- Jesus, however, assures Jairus that he need not be afraid, but only believe, so they press on to the house.



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Matthew 9:23-26

...²³ When Jesus came into the official's house, and saw the flute-players and the crowd in noisy disorder, ²⁴ He said, "Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep." And they *began* laughing at Him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ This news spread throughout all that land....



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BOO-HOO...
Matthew 9:23-26

- The wailers and flute players for hire are already busy with their mournful noise, . . .



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...HA! HA! HA!
Matthew 9:23-26

- . . .but when Jesus tells everyone that the girl is just sleeping, 'Boo-hoo' turns to 'Ha! Ha! Ha!'.



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A PRIVILEGED FEW
Matthew 9:23-26

- Jesus brings only the girl's parents, Peter, James, and John into the room, takes her hand, raises her from death, issues a command, and then a charge to get her something to eat.



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SAY NOTHING!
Matthew 9:23-26

- Jesus says to tell no one what happened (cf. Mark 5:32; Luke 8:56).



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Matthew 9:27-31

... ²⁷ As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" ²⁸ When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." ²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith." ³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: "See that no one knows *about this!*" ³¹ But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land." . . .



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TWO BLIND MEN SEE
Matthew 9:27-31

- Two blind men approach Jesus, begging for him to have mercy, calling Him the 'Son of David', a term for the Messiah.

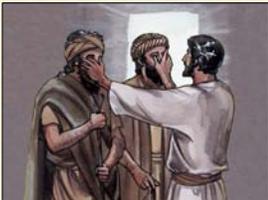
An illustration showing Jesus, a man with a beard and long hair wearing a white robe, standing and reaching out with his right hand to touch the face of one of two blind men. The blind men are wearing brown robes and have their hands clasped in prayer. They are standing in a simple, brightly lit room with a doorway in the background.

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TWO BLIND MEN SEE
Matthew 9:27-31

- Jesus asks these two if they believe that He can restore their sight, and they responded, "Yes, Lord", so for their faith He healed them.

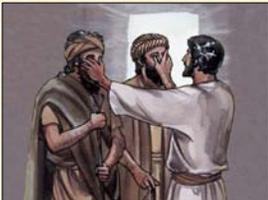
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TWO BLIND MEN SEE
Matthew 9:27-31

- Jesus orders them to tell no one what has happened, but they go about doing just the opposite, telling everyone they can.

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Matthew 9:32-34

³² As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him. ³³ After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, *and were saying*, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." ³⁴ But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."



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HELP! I'M DEMON-POSSESSED AND CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT!
Matthew 9:32-34

- A man is brought to Jesus who is unable to speak, apparently from a demon that has possessed him.



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Matthew 9:32-34

- Jesus cast out the demon and the man is then able to speak and the crowds are astonished at this.



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Matthew 9:32-34

- The Pharisees, are not impressed by this and proclaim that Jesus casts out demons by the prince of demons (Satan).



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THE BEGINNING OF THE ACCUSATION – BUT NOT THE END OF IT!
Matthew 9:32-34

- The Pharisees are just beginning to make this serious accusation, but it will not be the last.



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THE BEGINNING OF THE ACCUSATION – BUT NOT THE END OF IT!
Matthew 9:32-34

- This same serious accusation will appear again when we get to Matthew 12:22-32 and encounter ‘the unforgivable sin’.



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Matthew 9:35

³⁵ “Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the **gospel of the kingdom**, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.” ...



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WHAT IS HE DOING?!
Matthew 9:35

- V. 35 sums up Jesus’ authoritative teaching ministry in all the towns and villages (*in Israel*) in contrast to that of the scribes and the Pharisees.



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WHAT IS HE DOING?!
Matthew 9:35

- Jesus is proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom – *that He is the King of Israel and the kingdom is being offered.*
- Jesus *validated* His kingship by healing, casting out demons, and other miracles. (cf. Isaiah 29:18-19; 30:26; 35:5-6; 42:7; 61:1-3; Jeremiah 30:17)



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Matthew 9:36-37

...³⁶ Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ "Therefore beseech (δέομαι *déomai*; to plead) the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."



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WHAT IS HE THINKING?!
Matthew 9:36-37



- Jesus saw all the people, and observed that they were very distressed and also dispirited (lacking a hopeful spirit).
- He said that they were like sheep without a shepherd, a fairly common Old Testament theme for Israel's people.

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Zechariah 10:2

THE 'SHEEP WITH NO SHEPHERD' THEME IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

"Therefore the people wander like sheep. They are afflicted, because there is no shepherd." (cf. Numbers 28:15-17, 1 Kings 22:17; 2 Chronicles 18:16; See also Mark 6:43)



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WHAT IS HE THINKING?!
Matthew 9:36-37

- Jesus, did not see Israel's present condition as one without remedy, but rather a **spiritual opportunity** and told His disciples to pray for harvest workers.



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EVER FRUSTRATED WHEN GOD ALLOWS DELAYS OR BAD NEWS?
Matthew 9:18-26

- We can sympathize with the synagogue ruler, who after first waiting for Jesus to get back to the city of Capernaum, had to suffer also with the crowd, and the woman with a flow of blood, and skeptical servants.



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EVER FRUSTRATED WHEN GOD ALLOWS DELAYS OR BAD NEWS?
Matthew 9:18-26



- Likely all of us have been through some circumstance that involved endless and countless delays and a cascade of more and more bad news.
- It's comforting to know that God has His purpose in it.

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. - James 1:12

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IS GOD A CHAUVINIST; DOES GOD CARE ABOUT INDIVIDUALS?
Matthew 9:18-26

- **Some have claimed** that the books of the Bible come from a culture that is male dominated and treats women like cattle.



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IS GOD A CHAUVINIST; DOES GOD CARE ABOUT INDIVIDUALS?
Matthew 9:18-26



- While accusation can be made of the culture, it cannot rightly be made of Christ and the God of the Bible!
- In our passage today we see Jesus ministering to the family, the parents, an only child, and **two individual females, a woman and a daughter.**

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CHRIST DOES NOT BOW TO CULTURE!
Matthew 9:18-26

- Not only do we have Christ dealing with a woman and a girl with sensitivity in this passage, but the woman caught in adultery was brought to Christ for His condemnation in John 8:1-11.



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CHRIST DOES NOT BOW TO CULTURE!
Matthew 9:18-26

- The first witnesses of the resurrection of Christ were all 'unreliable' women!



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WHY DID JESUS SAY 'DON'T TALK'
Matthew 9:18-38

- Jesus was not campaigning for public office – He knew that the motives and intentions of the people were *earthly-oriented* and not *God-oriented* and they would attempt to compel Him to conform to their self-serving plans of a Conquering Messiah.

“Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.” - John 6:26



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WHY DID JESUS SAY ‘DON’T TALK’
Matthew 9:18-38



- Obviously, Jesus knew that these Israelites were going to go tell people anyway.
- But out of His graciousness He never threatened them or reversed His miracles because as we have pointed out, His miracles were an undeniable confirmation of His prophetic claim to be the Messiah.

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DOES A LACK OF FAITH = NO HEALING?
Matthew 9:18-38

- Some Christians have taken these kinds of passages as the basis to tell those with a chronic debilitation that the reason that there was no healing was due to lack of faith.

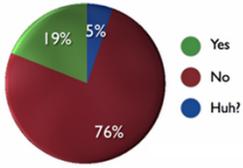


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HOW OFTEN DOES THE CROWD HAVE IT RIGHT?
Matthew 9:18-38

Do you trust public opinion?



Response	Percentage
Yes	19%
No	76%
Huh?	5%

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HOW OFTEN DOES THE CROWD HAVE IT RIGHT?
Matthew 9:18-38

- Jesus obviously dealt with crowds as well, often being deliberate in getting away from them!
- But while Jesus sometimes interacts with the crowds, we see that the spiritual insight of the crowd was rarely 'on target'.



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CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN IT!
Matthew 9:18-38

- Christ loves the church – the Body of Christ, another type of crowd!



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CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN IT!
Matthew 9:18-38

- Christ's death was the bride price, paid for us all corporately, individually, ***and joyfully!***

HEBREWS 12:2

“...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who **for the joy** set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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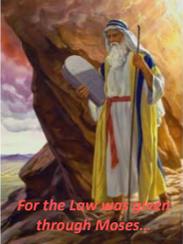
- We are instantaneously added to the beloved the Body of Christ, 'one at a time' the moment we place our faith, trust, and confidence in Him for the safekeeping of our soul).
- And now, our Savior desires fellowship with each one of us, individually. And He always has time for us. The question is...



DO WE HAVE TIME FOR JESUS?

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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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