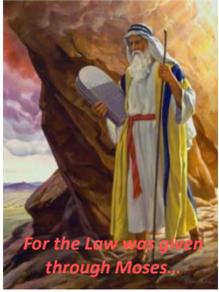


Law & Grace: An Overview
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For the Law was given through Moses...



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

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Law & 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.*



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)

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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Passages addressing Balaam in the Old Testament



- **Numbers 22-24** – Balak king of Moab hires Balaam to curse Israel
- **Numbers 31:8, 16** – Balaam’s treachery revealed, and his death recorded
- **Deuteronomy 23:4-5** – Brief summary of Numbers 22-24.
- **Joshua 13:22; 24:9, 10** – Brief summary of Numbers 22-24

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Passages addressing Balaam in the Old Testament



- **Micah 6:5** – A call to remember Numbers 22-24
- **Nehemiah 13:2** – Brief summary of Numbers 22-24

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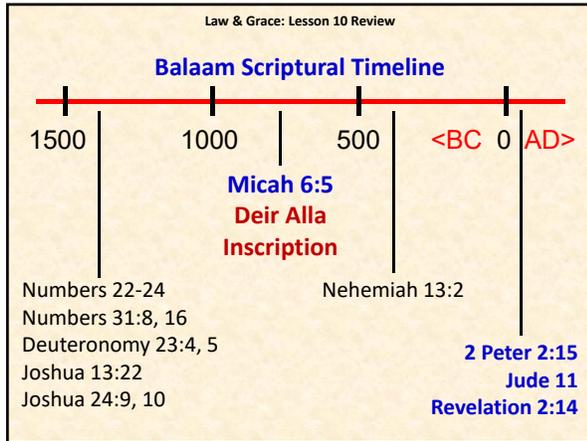
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Books addressing Balaam in the New Testament

- 2 Peter 2:15
- Jude 11
- Revelation 2:14



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Applicable Principles under both Law and Grace

- Though Law and Grace stand in contrast, the spiritual principles compare very well.
- So the lessons involving Balaam, who came to the people of Israel, who were baptized into Moses and under a covenant of Law, apply to us, too!

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The Way of Balaam

2 Peter 2:15

- **Balaam's way** was to hire himself out for 'religious' or 'spiritual' work, in this case to curse the Israelites, so as to override God's own blessings of the people of Israel.

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So what was Balaam's problem?
2 Peter 2:15

- Balaam **founded his faith in his own feelings**: he was drawn by a love of money above all else. (cf. 1 Tim. 3:3; 6:10)
- It was a heart attachment to money that really motivated him.



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"Faith in the facts, is like the train on the tracks."



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The Error of Balaam
Jude 11

- Balaam not only had a way that was wrong, but he also had a twisted view of the relationship between people and God: **he thought that God could be manipulated to fulfill human purposes.**



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The Teaching of Balaam
Revelation 2:14

- We have discussed the 'Way of Balaam' and the 'Error of Balaam', but the scriptures also mention the 'Teaching of Balaam' in Rev 2:14.



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The Teaching of Balaam
Revelation 2:14

- As far as blessings or curses, Balaam was constrained by God to say only what God told him to say. But Balaam also instructed Balak how to bring the Israelites down, by getting them to compromise with idolatry and immorality!

This was the teaching of Balaam!



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Law & Grace: Comparison & Contrast 1
MOTIVATED BY FEAR

- Those living under the Principle of Law (as the Jews were under Moses) are blessed if they obey and are cursed if they don't obey. (Deut. 28).



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Law & Grace: Comparison & Contrast 1
MOTIVATED BY GRACE

- Believers living under the Principle of Grace are all blessed and **motivated by Grace** to be obedient ...*not out of a fear of being cursed!* (Ephesians 1:1-3; 2:1-10).
- Under the law you better not steal you had better not lie or you will not be blessed! But when it comes to motivation, earthly-based curses can't touch heaven's grace blessings.



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Law & Grace: Comparison & Contrast 3

- The people of Israel were to live out the Mosaic Law, **though they were given no enablement to do so.**



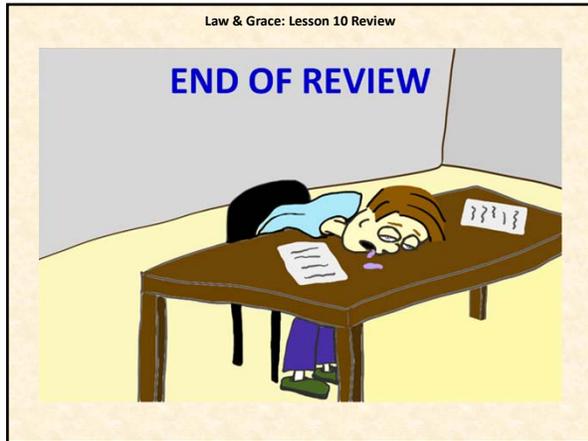

- However, the Holy Spirit will enable them to know and live out the kingdom law in the Millennial Kingdom.

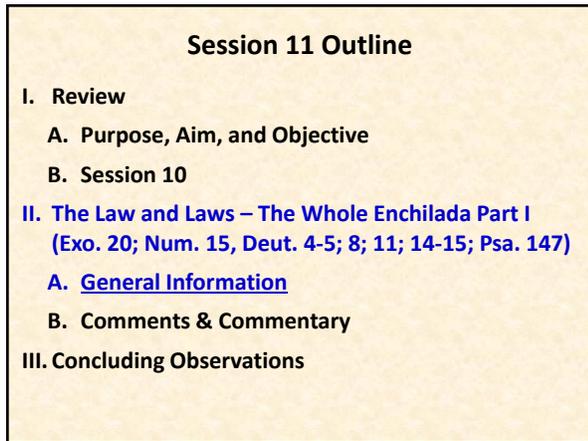
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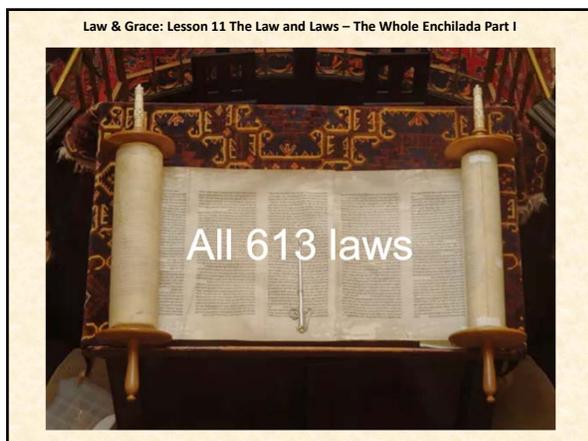
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- However, we in the body of Christ, are empowered to live **by the life of Christ, apart from the Law**, walking and living **by faith in Christ** and who we are in Him and who He is in us...**by the Holy Spirit who indwells us (Gal. 2:19-20).**









***Deuteronomy 8:1**

All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do...



***deuteros (second) + nomos (law)**



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Subtracting from, and adding to, the Law of Moses

- Many groups within Christendom* hold to **some smaller set of the Law of Moses.**

* 'Christendom' here includes those groups who do not teach a saving Gospel but still 'claim' to be 'Christian' (Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, etc.).



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Subtracting from, and adding to, the Law of Moses

- These groups pick and choose from among the 613 laws of the Law of Moses to assemble the set they claim is 'right'.

CHOICES

PICK ONE **Pick 3** **10 CHOICES** 

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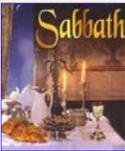
- Each group claims that we **ought to follow their set of Laws** in order to be right before God, 'get saved', to stay saved, be blessed or some similar terminology.

**GOD'S LAW
OR
MAN'S LAW**

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The 10 Commandments (+/-)
Exodus 20:1-17

- It is fairly common among these groups, to say that Christians are still under the 10 commandments, however:
 - Few will hold to the Sabbath **from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday**. *Exceptions include the Seventh-day Adventists and the Seventh-day Baptists (?).*

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The 10 Commandments (+/-)
Exodus 20:1-17

The 10 commandments were put on tablets of stone **so that Moses could put the tablets in the Ark of the Covenant.**



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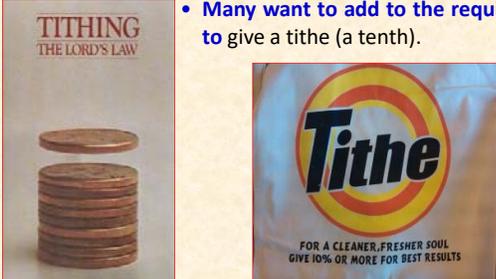
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- Just about nobody wants to carry out the death penalty as required by the law for breaking any of the ten commandments.
- According to modern Orthodox Judaism, you had better not flip a light switch on a Friday evening!

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The 10 Commandments (+/-)
Exodus 20:1-17



- Many want to add to the requirement to give a tithe (a tenth).

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Before & After
Deuteronomy 14 & 15



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Before & After
Deuteronomy 14 & 15

- Right **BEFORE** the tithing commandments are the food laws, such as not eating crab and lobster, or anything that comes from a pig or a camel.



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Before & After
Deuteronomy 14 & 15

- Right **AFTER** the tithing commandments are all the laws about letting your land be uncultivated every seventh year – let it rest.
- Nothing in the context that justifies applying tithing to Christians, but not the food or land laws.



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'HOG WILD AND OUT OF CONTROL'

- Legalists tell us that **we need some laws so that believers don't go 'hog-wild'.**
- But the belief and teaching that we need some laws to keep us from going hog-wild fails to recognize that **believers are indwelt by Christ and the Holy Spirit.**



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'HOG WILD AND OUT OF CONTROL'

- **Are Christ and the Holy Spirit prone to going 'hog wild'?**
- Are Christ and the Holy Spirit so limited in power and divine resources that they **need** extra rules to keep believers from going **'hog wild'**?
- Do Christ and the Holy Spirit **need** a few extra carefully chosen constraints to keep believers godly?



Numbers 15:37-41

³⁷ The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁸ "Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves **tassels (צִיצִית tzitzit) on the corners of their garments** throughout their generations, and that **they shall put on the tassel (צִיצִית tzitzit) of each corner a cord of blue...**



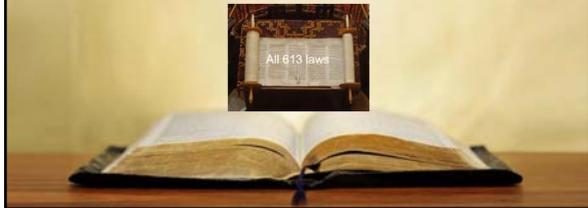
Numbers 15:37-41

...³⁹ “It shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember **all the commandments of the LORD**, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot,⁴⁰ so that you may remember to do **all My commandments** and be holy to your God.⁴¹ “I am the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the LORD your God.”



Deuteronomy 4:5-6

⁵ “See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the LORD my God commanded me, that **you** should do thus **in the land** where you are entering to possess it.⁶ “So keep and do **them**, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear **all these statutes** and say, ‘Surely **this great nation** is a wise and understanding people.’



Deuteronomy 4:7-8

⁷ “For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is the LORD our God whenever we call on Him?⁸ “Or what great nation is there that has statutes and judgments as righteous as **this whole law** which I am setting before **you today**?



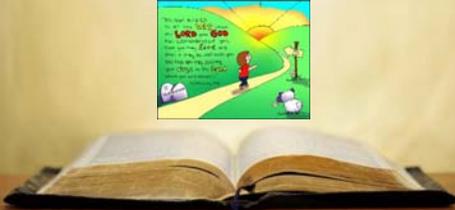
Deuteronomy 5:31

³¹ “But as for you, stand here by Me, that I may speak to you **all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments** which you shall teach **them, that they may observe them in the land which I give them to possess.**



Deuteronomy 5:32-33a

³² “So you shall observe to do just as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left. ³³ “**You shall walk in all the way which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live** and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong *your* days **in the land** which you will possess.



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Points of Contrast and Comparison		
Steward	MOSES	CHRIST
Governing Principle	Law	Grace
Who's Works are you depending on?	Self	Christ
People Group	ISRAEL	CHURCH
Baptism	Into Moses	Into Christ
Ministry Characteristic	Death / Condemnation 2 Cor. 3:7, 9	Spirit / Righteousness
Nature of Blessings	Conditional (if) / Earthly	Unconditional / Heavenly
Earthly Difficulties	Curses for disobedience	Growth or discipline

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LAW = Death and Condemnation



KORAH'S REBELLION NUMBERS 16



NADAB & ABIHU LEVITICUS 10



Using God's Name in Vain
Leviticus 24:10



10 NORTHERN TRIBES - EPHRAIM & JUDAH'S CAPTIVITY

Assyria, Babylon, Babel, Babylonians, Babylonians take captives to Babel

Deuteronomy 5:33b

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Deuteronomy 8:1

"All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, **that you may live** and multiply, and go in and possess **the land** which **the Lord swore to give to your forefathers**.




Deuteronomy 11:8-9

⁸ “You shall therefore keep **every commandment which I am commanding you today**, so that you may be strong and go in and possess **the land** into which you are about to cross to possess it; ⁹ so that you may prolong *your* days on **the land** which the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their descendants, **a land flowing with milk and honey.**




Deuteronomy 11:31-32

³¹ “For **you** are about to cross the Jordan to go in to possess **the land** which the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall possess it and live in it, ³² and you shall be careful to do **all the statutes and the judgments** which I am setting before **you** today.




Psalms 147:19-20

¹⁹ He declares His **words** to Jacob, His **statutes** and His **ordinances** to Israel. ²⁰ He has not dealt thus with **any nation**; And as for His ordinances, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!




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The Law of Moses was given to Israel!
Psalm 147:19-20

- Over and over again we see that **the Law of Moses was given to the people of Israel**, and **not to any other nation or nations**.



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All 613 laws

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Psalm 147:19-20



- Over and over again we see that the Law of Moses was to be lived out **in the land** that was promised to Israel.
- The **original** intent in the giving of the Law of Moses to the Children of Israel, was that it would and could only be kept by Jews living in the land of Israel.

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Psalm 147:19-20

How many pastors and bible teachers who beat their listeners over the head with tithing actually live in Israel, are from the tribe of Levi, and make animal sacrifices in the Temple every day?



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Picking and Choosing - no biblical basis!

- With the clear emphasis on keeping **all** of the statutes, ordinances, and judgments - **every single law** - it is hard to fathom how anyone can justify 'choosing'.
 - Numbers 15:39, 40 ("**all**", "**all**")
 - Deuteronomy 4:6, 7, 8 ("**all**", "**the whole law**")
 - Deuteronomy 5:31, 33 ("**all**", "**all**")
 - Deuteronomy 8:1 ("**all**")
 - Deuteronomy 11:8, 32 ("**Every**", "**all**")

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Picking and Choosing - no biblical basis!

- There are those who have the impudence to add to the laws God so clearly gave! No blood transfusions! No eating meat! But there is no basis for picking and choosing 'laws'.
- One group comes up with one law another group comes up with another law - *It's all arbitrary!*



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Picking and Choosing - no biblical basis!

- It takes incredible brazenness to think that you can add anything to, or subtract anything from, the 613 Laws given specifically to the Children of Israel.

Legalism

- If it's about making decisions to be healthy go for it. ***Just don't make it about holiness.***

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The Big Tragedy 'Mini-Law' leads to 'Mini-Grace'

- Some people want a more manageable set of laws. 613 is just too many, so they decide which ones they will follow.
- The problem is that a trimmed down Law robs it of its awesome, ominous, overwhelming nature and removes the purpose of the Law which is to reveal our desperate need for God's Grace.



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The Big Tragedy 'Mini-Law' leads to 'Mini-Grace'

- A paired down, **Mini-Law** leads to a paired down **Mini-Grace** and ultimately a paired down **Mini-God**, who is **not** the God of the Bible.



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What God intended

- **God intended** for the Law of Moses to reflect His most awesome and infinite moral character.
- One who thinks he has the authority to choose from among the Laws of Moses is **spiritually 'dense'**.



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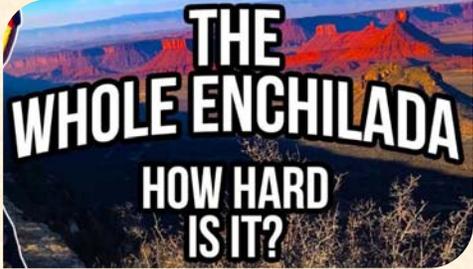
What God intended



- **God intended** that the Law of Moses should be so awesome and overwhelming that we are in ultimate desperation for God's **even more amazing and very awesome grace!**

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What God intended



Ephesians 2:4-7

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 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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