


**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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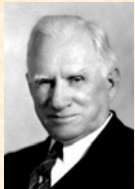
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**William R. Newell**

*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!” (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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**Temptations and Beginnings**  
Matthew 4:1-25

- Chapter 4 of the Gospel of Matthew has two main parts:
  - Verses 1-11 tell of Christ's temptation by Satan during a time of **fasting**.
  - Verses 12-25 tell of Christ beginning His public ministry, **by locating Himself in northern Galilee, selecting disciples, and His healing ministry.**



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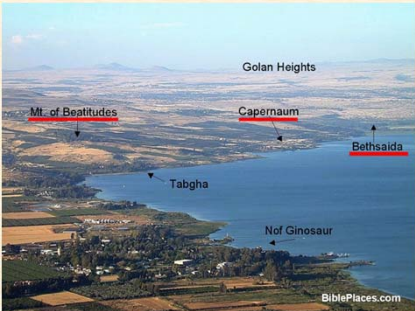
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**Northwest Portion of the Sea of Galilee**



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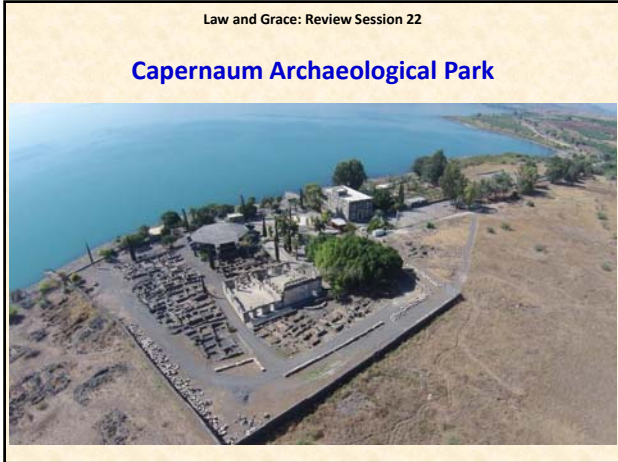
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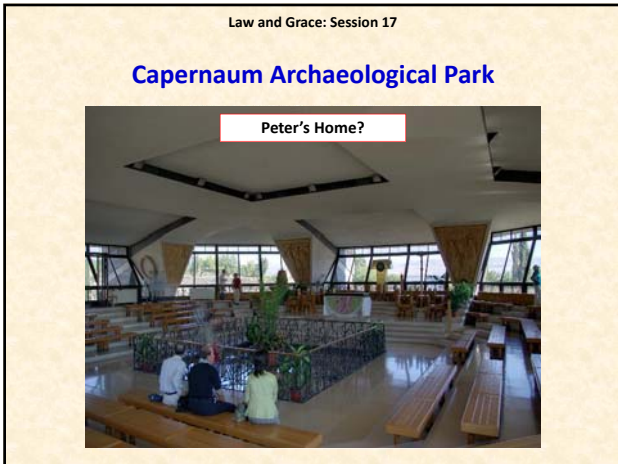
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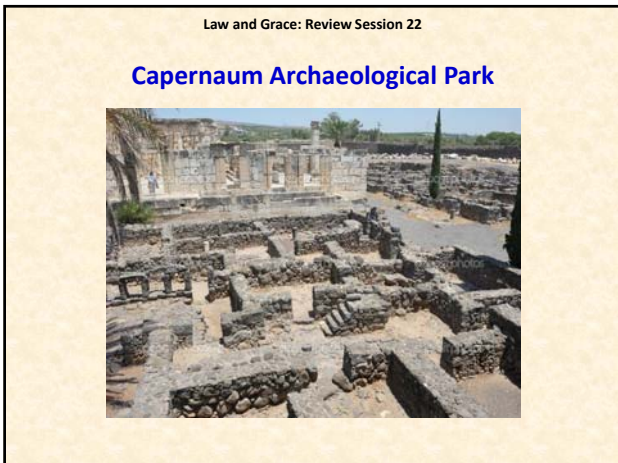
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### Temptations and Beginnings

Matthew 4:1-25

- This 'introduction to ministry' in Matthew 4 concerns the **people of Israel**, the **land of Israel**, and the **Law of Moses**. (cf. Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13 for parallel accounts of the events recorded in Matthew 4:1-11.)



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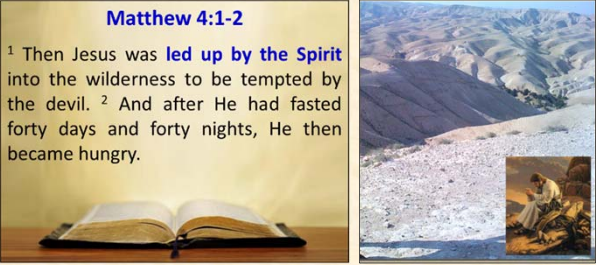
### Christ was led into the wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11

- Christ did not just encounter Satan in the wilderness by accident – the Holy Spirit led Him there.

Matthew 4:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was **led up by the Spirit** into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.



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### Christ was led into the wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11

- Never forget** that:
  - Satan **will be held responsible** for what he has done and will do (cf. Matt. 25:41).
  - Satan **does not and cannot do** anything that is out of God's control.
  - Satan **cannot thwart** God's purposes (cf. Rom. 8:28-30).

Romans 8:28-30

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. " For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; " and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified."



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**Christ's temptation**  
Matthew 4:1-11 (cf. Phil. 2:5-11)

**Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



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**Christ's temptation**  
Matthew 4:1-11



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**Christ's temptation**  
Matthew 4:1-11



**Ephesians 6:13**  
Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to **resist** in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

**James 4:7**  
Submit therefore to God. **Resist** the devil and he will flee from you.

**1 Peter 5:9**  
But **resist** him [the devil], firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.



**RESIST!**  
Eph. 6:13; Jam. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9

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**Was Christ able not to sin or not able to sin?**  
Matthew 4:1-11

- Both – Christ was and is fully God and fully man.
- Christ had a human body just as we have with all its vulnerabilities, but **He did not have a Sin Nature** to which Satan could appeal...**we do!**



**Hebrews 4:15**  
For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but **One who has been tempted in all things as we are**, yet without sin.



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**Adam vs. Christ**  
Matthew 4:1-11



- Adam was **created** innocent without a Sin Nature, but still had the ability to choose contrary to God's declared will.
- Christ **was not created!** He was innocent, had no Sin Nature, **but was and is also fundamentally righteous.**



**John 8:46**  
"Which one of you **convicts Me of sin?** If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?"



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**Christ's Public Ministry**  
Matthew 4:12-25

- As Christ began His public ministry:
  - He **located Himself in the northern part of the sea of Galilee** (v.12).
  - He **selected disciples** (vv. 18-22).
  - He **performed miracles of healing** (vv. 23-25).
  - Jesus also proclaimed **the kingdom at hand** (v. 17).
- Selecting disciples meant that Jesus was beginning His ministry as a rabbi (a Jewish teacher).



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### Jesus a Typical and Unique Rabbi

Matthew 4:12-25

- Understanding that Jesus was both a typical and also a very unique rabbi and is critical to our study.
- Jesus tells Nicodemus, "You must be born again". However, according to Pharisaic tradition if you were a rabbi you were already 'born again'!



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### BORN AGAIN

Type of Birth	Reference
1. Proselyte Conversion	Encyclopedia Judaica: Vol. 13, Jewish Encyclopedia: Vol. 10, pg. 223; Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah: Vol. 1, pg. 384; Nicodemus, A Rabbi's Quest, Ariel Ministries, Manuscript #16, pg. 4 (Logos)
2. Crowned King	Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah: Vol. 1, pg. 384; Yalkut on 1 Sam. 13; Nicodemus, A Rabbi's Quest, Ariel Ministries, Manuscript #16, pg. 4 (Logos)
3. Bar Mitzvah	Nicodemus, A Rabbi's Quest, Ariel Ministries, Manuscript #16, pg. 4 (Logos)
4. Marriage	Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, Vol. 1, pg. 384 (Logos); Nicodemus, A Rabbi's Quest, Ariel Ministries, Manuscript #16, pg. 4 (Logos)
5. Rabbinic Ordination	Peninim on the Torah, pg. 233; Nicodemus, A Rabbi's Quest, Ariel Ministries, Manuscript #16, pg. 5 (Logos)
6. Head of a Rabbinic Academy (Yeshiva)	Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, Vol. 1, pg. 384; (Logos); Nicodemus, A Rabbi's Quest, Ariel Ministries, Manuscript #16, pg. 5 (Logos)
Born of the Spirit	John 3:7

www.hadavar.org/getting-to-know-god/you-must-be-born-again/ (lists 8)

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**Matthew 4:12-25**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; <sup>13</sup> and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. <sup>14</sup> *This was* to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: <sup>15</sup> "THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES— <sup>16</sup> "THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED." <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach and say, ...



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**Matthew 4:12-25**

...“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>18</sup> Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. <sup>21</sup> Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and...



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**Matthew 4:12-25**

...followed Him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. <sup>24</sup> The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. <sup>25</sup> Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and *the* Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* beyond the Jordan.



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**Jesus a Typical and Unique Rabbi**  
Matthew 4:12-25



- A rabbi was not permitted to ask his disciples to wash his feet.

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**Jesus a Typical and Unique Rabbi**  
Matthew 4:12-25



- "I AM the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." John 10:11

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**Exodus 3:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM**"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' **This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.**"



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**Jesus the Rabbi (teacher)**  
**Matthew 4:12-25**

- As a rabbi, Jesus would seek and also select His disciples.
- The gospels seem to say that all of the disciples followed Him right away, but that was done after Christ presented Himself as a rabbi.



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**Jesus the Rabbi (teacher)**  
**Matthew 4:12-25**



- As we proceed with our ongoing study of Law & Grace, we will continue examining what it meant for Jesus to be a rabbi among the people, in the land of Israel.
- So, the disciples **did** respond right away to Jesus' invitation but only after he had presented himself as a rabbi, in the expected manner.

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**Why the healing miracles?**  
**Matthew 4:12-25**

- Jesus performed miracles of healing as the validation and verification that He was indeed the long-promised Messiah.



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**Why the healing miracles?**  
**Matthew 4:12-25**



- Later in Matthew, after John the Baptist is jailed by Herod the tetrarch, John asks if Jesus is the promised One.
- Jesus tells them to testify about the things that He has been doing: healing and proclaiming.

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**Matthew 11:2-6**

<sup>2</sup> Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent *word* by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to Him, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?" <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "**Go and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.** <sup>6</sup> "And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me." (cf. Isaiah 35:5; 42:18; 57:18,19; 61:1; Luke 4:16-21)



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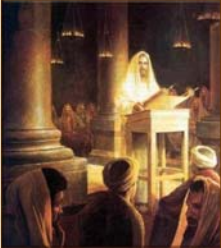
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**An insight into Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Coming**  
**Matthew 4:12-25**

- While Christ was the steward who initiated the Church through the Apostles in His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming, His three years of ministry are often misunderstood by many Christians.



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**An insight into Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Coming**  
**Matthew 4:12-25**



- In His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming Christ was sent to Earth to be born a **Jew**, in the **land of Israel**, to appeal only to the **Jews**, telling them that they should receive Him as their **King and Messiah**, and declaring **TO THEM** the **Gospel of the Kingdom of God**.

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**Not for we who are in the church?**  
Matthew 4:12-25

- The Gospel of the Kingdom was the message of good news delivered to the **Israelites**, in the **land of Israel**, about **Jesus**, the **King of Israel** (Matt. 2:2 4:23; 9:35; 27:11).



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**Not for we who are in the church?**  
Matthew 4:12-25



- The Gospel of the Kingdom was Jesus telling the **Nation of Israel** that if she would acknowledge Him as her **Messiah**, the prophesied kingdom would come to the earth and **Messiah** would rule from **Jerusalem**, the city of the **Great King** (Matt. 5:35).

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**The Gospel of Substitution**  
Matthew 4:12-25

- The Gospel of Substitution declares that anyone, (Jew or Gentile), believing that Christ, the Son of God, died for their sins, was buried, and rose again, for them, will be saved eternally (cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Isa. 53). ***This is the Good News that we are to share with the lost, not the Gospel of the Kingdom!***



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**The Coming Kingdom**  
Matthew 4:12-25



- The Church's place in the coming Millennial Kingdom will be as the Bride of Christ, coming with Him to rule and reign.

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**So in Jesus' initial ministry...**  
Matthew 4:1-25

- So in Jesus' initial ministry, **He settled in Capernaum in northern Galilee, teaching in the synagogues around Galilee, preaching the kingdom, and selecting disciples to follow Him.**



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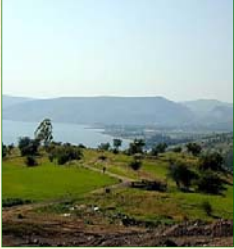
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**So in Jesus' initial ministry...**  
Matthew 4:1-25



- People came from areas to the north (Syria), from around Galilee, and from the southern part of Israel as well.

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**In Our Next Session - The Sermon on the Mount**  
Matthew 5-7



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