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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)

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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.** 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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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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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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The 'advantages' of worrying – Matt. 6:25-34



- Jesus, (and Paul) tell us that the advantages of worrying are an illusion – [there are none](#).
- For a believer to worry is to attempt to serve [two masters!](#)
- Worry generally comes from failing to take on responsibilities that are ours or from taking on responsibilities that are not ours – [both originate from the sin nature](#).

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Should we make any plans? – Matt. 6:25-34



- Yes, both Christ and Paul made plans and carefully thought out what would happen next.
- Making appropriate plans for what we can and ought to do, and for what could happen, are fine.
- [But our greatest need is to trust God, and...](#)

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- ...all our plans ought to be made with consideration **for what God has in mind:**
 - **Contentment** (Phil. 4:11-13)
 - **Conformity** (Rom. 8:28-29)

<p>Philippians 4:11-13</p> <p>¹¹ Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in <u>whatever circumstances</u> I am.</p> 	<p>Romans 8:28-29</p> <p>²⁹...those whom He foreknew, He also <u>predestined</u> to become <u>conformed</u> to the image of His Son...</p> 
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H. A. Ironside

Ironside, H. A. (1922). Notes on the Epistle to the Philippians (pp. 120-121). Neptune, NJ.

“John Wesley is reported to have said that he did not know which dishonored God the most — to worry, which is really to doubt His love and care, or to curse and swear. Yet every saint would shrink from the latter with abhorrence, while many of us have no sense of the wrong we do when we fret and worry. To rest in faith upon the knowledge that “all things work together for good to those who love God, who are the called according to His purpose,” should ever be our attitude.”



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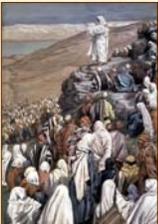


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Judges, Logs, Dogs, Swine, Fish, Snakes and Gold!
Matthew 7:1-12

- The first 12 verses of Matthew chapter 7 contain graphic points of spiritual and moral instruction, as Jesus continues to tell the Israelites about the Law of Moses in view of the coming kingdom.



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- As Jesus does so, **He will tell them not to judge, and then use logs, dogs, swine, fish and snakes as illustrations, and finish this series of moral and spiritual lessons by presenting the 'golden rule'.**

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We're going to find...
Matthew 7:1-12

- As we study this passage, we are going to find that though **Jesus was speaking to those under the Law of Moses**, and we are under the principle of grace...
- ...there will be some really great truths for us to learn from in these 12 verses, **because God does not change and we have needs in common with the Israelites.**



The Law, by contrast, helps us understand grace!

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To judge or not to judge, that is the question!
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- Jesus tells His Israelite listeners that **they are not to judge!**
- Then He says that to the extent that they do judge and in the manner that they judge, **they themselves will be judged!**



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- This presents us with 'apparent contradictions' because:
 1. The Law of Moses **required** the Israelites to judge themselves **and others!**
 2. And Jesus will not only tell them to judge but, **instruct them on how to do so!**

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Law and Grace: The SOM – Matthew 5:1–8:1 (Luke 6:17–49)

What appears to be a conflict ...is a call to look carefully
Matthew 7:1-2

- **Human beings often incorporate or accept things that are in conflict.** This is especially true when it comes to the Bible.
- Rather than examine the full counsel of God by comparing Scripture with Scripture, believers often apathetically embrace apparent conflicts.



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- **The Law of Moses commanded** that Israelites judge...

Leviticus 19:15
...You are to **judge** your neighbor...

Numbers 35:24
...the congregation shall **judge**...



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- Christ Himself used the word 'judge' as an imperative (command) – **'you must judge!'** – in **John 7:24**. But...

John 7:24
"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge (command)"



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- ...Jesus warns against a particular **'quality of judging'**.

John 7:24
"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." ←

Deuteronomy 16:18
"...judge the people with righteous judgment." ←



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John 8:15-18

¹⁵ "You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone. ¹⁶ But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me. ¹⁷ Even in your law it has been written that the testimony of two men is true. ¹⁸ I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me."



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So, what's the problem with judging?
Matthew 7:1-2

- The judging that Jesus is warning about is **superficial and according to the flesh, being from a human viewpoint, i.e. influenced by:**
 - * **Anger**
 - * **Envy**
 - * **Hatred**
 - * **Ignorance**
 - * **Jealousy**
 - * **Selfish Ambition**



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- But biblically, **judgment is to be just, righteous and true, and there must be an authority and responsibility for a person to judge.** (cf. Psa. 19:9)

John 5:30
"I can do nothing on My own initiative. **As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just**, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.



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Logs and specks
Matthew 7:3-5

- Jesus is using hyperbole here!

**HYPERBOLE EXAGGERATES
STATEMENTS OR CLAIMS,
AND IS NOT MEAN'T TO
BE TAKEN LITERALLY.**

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- These verses place a priority on 'judging or dealing with sin', that is, the one to judge and deal with first is oneself.

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John 8:7

"He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."



The illustration shows a man in a white tunic being pelted with stones by a crowd of people in a courtyard. In the foreground, an open Bible lies on a wooden surface.

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Acts 23:2-3

² But the high priest Ananias commanded those standing beside him to strike him on the mouth. ³ Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Do you sit to try me according to the Law, and in violation of the Law, order me to be struck?"



The illustration depicts Paul being struck on the mouth by several men in a courtroom setting. An open Bible is visible in the foreground.

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Logs and specks
Matthew 7:3-5

- The principle of judging oneself under Law is also valid under Grace.

1 Corinthians 11:31
But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.



The cartoon shows a man with a large log protruding from his eye and another man with a tiny speck in his eye. An open Bible is in the foreground.

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Galatians 6:1

“Brethren, even if anyone is **caught in any trespass**, [cf. 5:19-21] you who are spiritual, **restore** such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.”



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- There are **two words for 'dog' in the Greek**. One is a pet dog.
- But the word Jesus used refers to **a feral dog**.

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1 Kings 21:23-24

²³ “Of Jezebel also has the LORD spoken, saying, **‘The dogs will eat Jezebel in the district of Jezreel.’** ²⁴ **‘The one belonging to Ahab, who dies in the city, the dogs will eat,** and the one who dies in the field the birds of heaven will eat.”



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Dogs and Swine

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- Swine of course under the Law of Moses were unclean animals, **but Jesus also described them as vicious, and this was not hyperbole!**



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Why the caution about Dogs and Swine?
Matthew 7:6

- The Israelites regularly referred **to the Gentiles** as dogs and swine since they too were unclean according to the Law of Moses.



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- In the context here, Jesus applied these terms to the Jewish leadership who **would not acknowledge holiness** when they encountered it and who **placed no value on truth**, even from God himself.



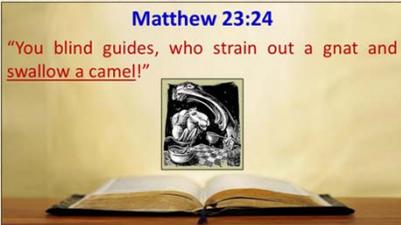
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Why the caution about Dogs and Swine?
Matthew 7:6

- Jesus said these strain out a gnat and swallow a camel (Matthew 23:24).

Matthew 23:24
"You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!"



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- Shaking the dust off of one’s feet was a Jewish custom that placed responsibility on those **refusing to heed** the message. (cf. Matt. 10:14; Acts 13:51)



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Ask, Seek and Knock
Matthew 7:7-11

- Jesus tells his listeners to ask, seek, and knock. Why? Because ABBA, Father wants to reward those who do so (cf. Phil. 4:6; James 1:5-6; 1 John 3:22 5:14-15).

Hebrews 11:6

“...he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of **those who seek Him.**”



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Ask, Seek and Knock
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- Why Knock? – In New Testament times, when a person who knew you, knocked on your door, **the person also called out who they were as they knocked**. So, to knock implied that you were looking for fellowship.



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'Ask, seek and knock' is also about God's character!
Matthew 7:7-11

- God's **intent** for us to come to Him in faith, **is benevolence**.



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- God is not **capricious**, unpredictable, or unreliable.

Five Faulty Views of God

- The **cruel** and capricious God.
- The **demanding** and unforgiving God.
- The selective and **unfair** God.
- The **distant** and unavailable God.
- The **kind** but confused God.

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- **God knows what we need**, so we are not just approaching Him to inform Him of what we need, nor is God just playing a game.



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- **God is personal**, and we are called to interact with Him personally because we have been made in His image.



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The 'image and likeness of God' in mankind – What is it?
Matthew 7:7-11

- It is:
 - a **personal** image and likeness (Genesis 2:19-23)
 - a **spiritual** image and likeness (1 Corinthians 15:45)
 - an **interpersonal image and likeness** (Genesis 1:26; 1 John 1:3)
- a **moral** image and likeness (Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10)
- an **authority** image and likeness (Genesis 1:26)
- a **creative** image and likeness (Exodus 25:8,9)

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- As physical and spiritual beings we have needs **that only God can provide.**



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Ask, Seek and Knock
Matthew 7:7-11

- Ask, seek and knock are really **focusing on prayer - personal communication with God Himself.**
- **Asking is making requests of God,** since He is the Provider and we are people of needs.



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Ask, Seek and Knock
Matthew 7:7-11

- **Knocking speaks of personal approach,** and our sincere, genuine, earnest, intent to have fellowship with Him.
- **Seeking is confidently approaching God,** who is the Creator of all things and with Whom we have **privileged access.**



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Law and Grace: The SOM – Matthew 5:1-8:1 (Luke 6:17-49)

Ask, Seek and Knock – VIP Privileged Access
Matthew 7:7-11

- You do know that **all believers** have VIP privileged access to God, right? (cf. Heb. 4:16; Eph. 3:12; 1 Jn. 3:21; 1 Jn. 5:14)



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- Jesus takes His audience once again back to the Law of Moses, which declares, that the Israelite is to love his neighbor as himself (Lev. 19:18).

Just do it.



Leviticus 19:18
“...you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.”

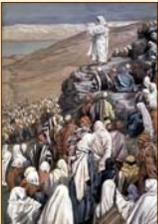


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- However, loving one’s neighbor also applies to the Body of Christ as well, but **not under the principle of the Law of Moses**, but **under the principle of grace**.



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- ‘The Law and the Prophets’ was an expression for the entire Old Testament. **The Law [of Moses]** comes at the beginning and **the Prophets** come at the end, so *this expression meant ‘beginning to end’*.
- These expressions would be equivalent in Hebrew to – Aleph and Tav and in Greek to – Alpha and Omega.



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Most of what is in this passage...
Matthew 7:1-12

- ...is either the same or similar whether under the temporary reigning principle of the Law of Moses, now set aside and abolished (Gal. 3:13, Eph. 2:15; Heb. 7:8), or living under the eternal reigning principle of Grace. The reasons are that:
 - 1) God does not change,
 - 2) God has created all of us in His image,
 - 3) Morality is based on the character of God and,
 - 4) Our needs as believers today, and those of the Israelites then, remain the same.



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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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