



Titus

*...in all things show yourself
to be an example of good deeds...*

Agenda

- Recap
- Titus 2:11-15
- Topics:
 - Expand on last week
 - Law vs grace
 - How we are to function in the Christian life

Titus Outline

Conduct of believers

Importance of sound doctrine

Correction of false teaching

Appointment of elders

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**So, we know that
conduct matters...**



**What teaches us
correct conduct?**

Titus 2:11-15

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...and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good...

Titus 2:11-15

...deeds. ¹⁵ These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

God's Grace Overview

- **Its Past Provision of Salvation – Titus 2:11**
- **Its Present Provision of Instruction – Titus 2:12**
- **Its Future Provision of Hope – Titus 2:13-14**

Past Provision of Salvation

“¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men”

- “Has appeared” – **epiphaino**: to become visible



What does it mean that grace has become visible?
Hasn't grace always existed?

John 1:17

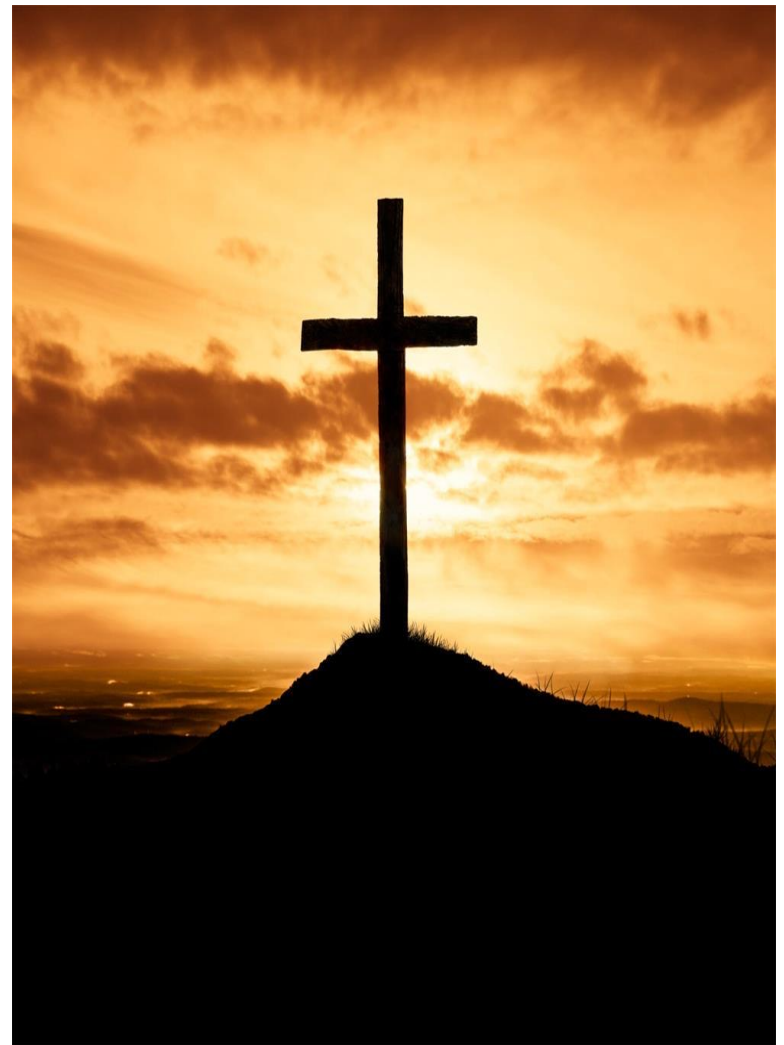
¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

- “realized” – **ginomai**: to come into being or existence
- Romans 6:14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Law through Moses

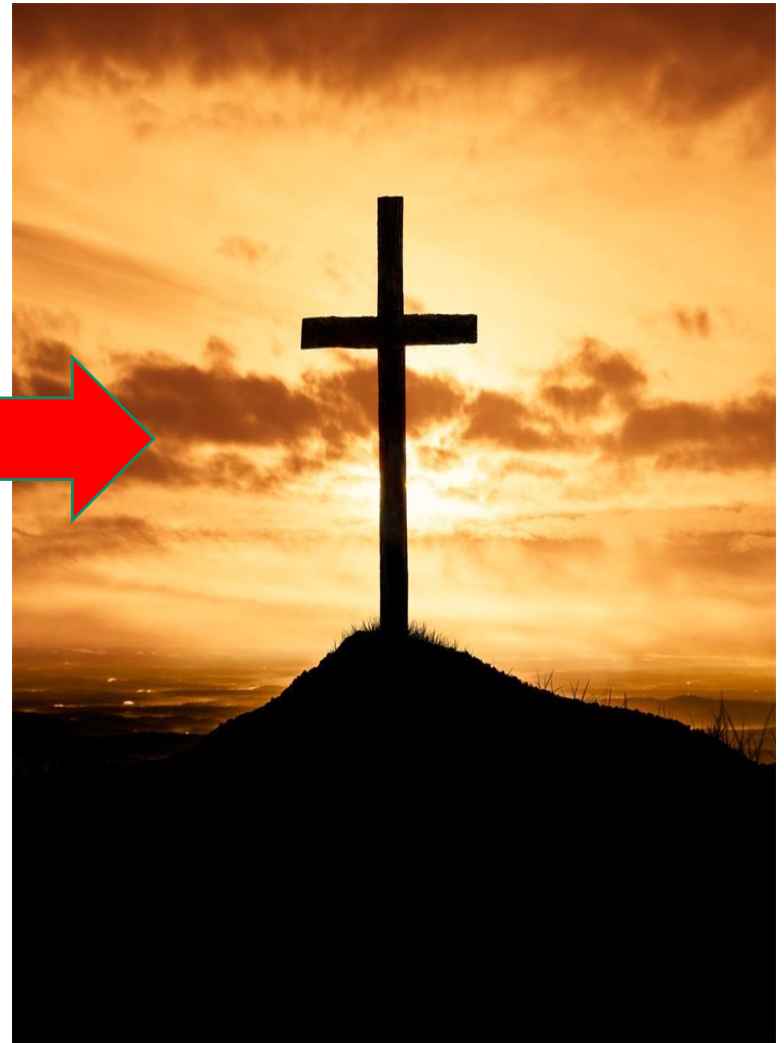


Grace came through Christ

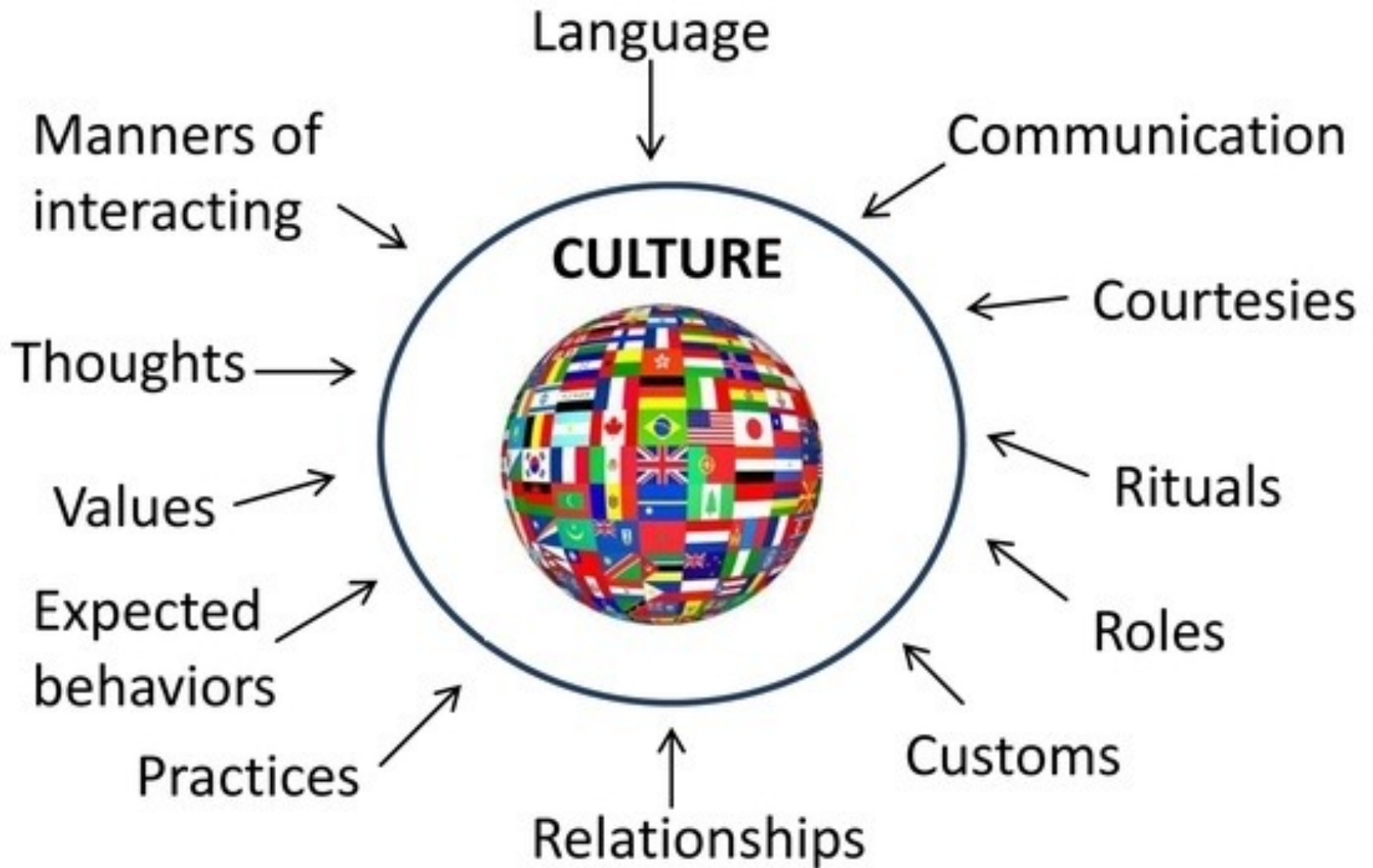


Law: BEFORE

Grace: NOW



Grace



Grace in the Greek Culture

- As a favor done for somebody
- As a response for a favor done

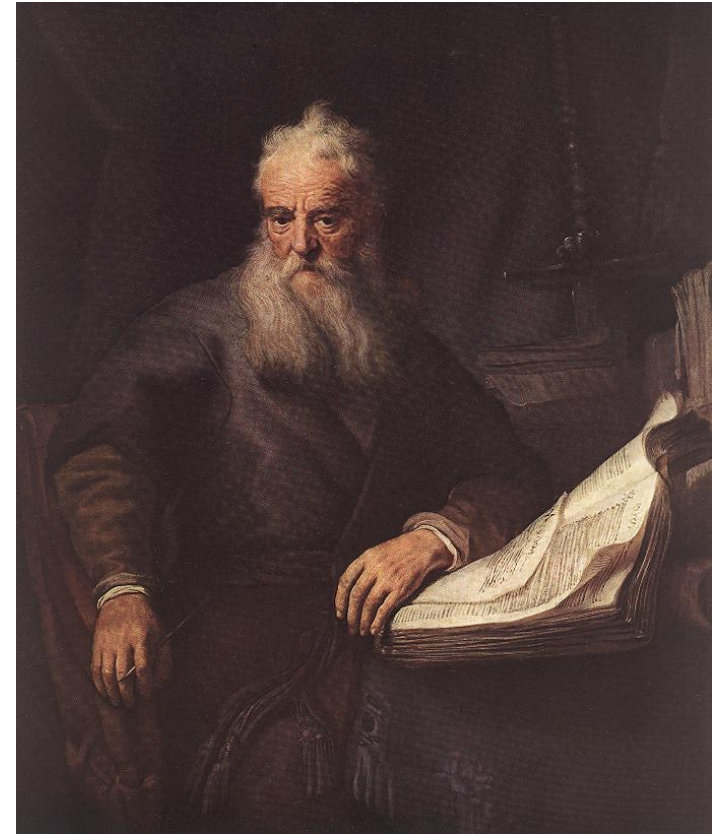
“Something conferred freely with no expectation of return and finding its source in the bounty and the free-heartedness of the giver” - Aristotle



Doing or giving something for someone from your heart with no expectation of anything in return, just because you wanted to do it.

Paul's Use of Grace

- *Charis* is found 155 times in the New Testament
- Paul used it 130 times

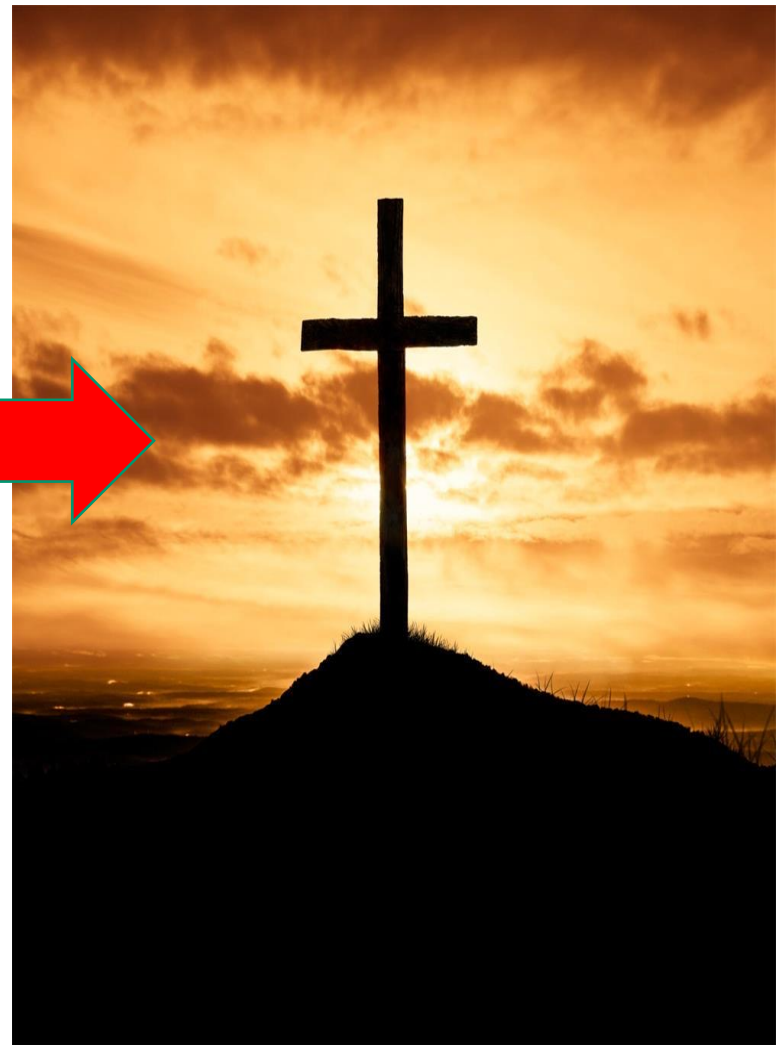




“Grace is the unlimited, unmerited favor of God based solely on the person and work of Jesus Christ”

Law: BEFORE

Grace: NOW



Galatians 3:23-26

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

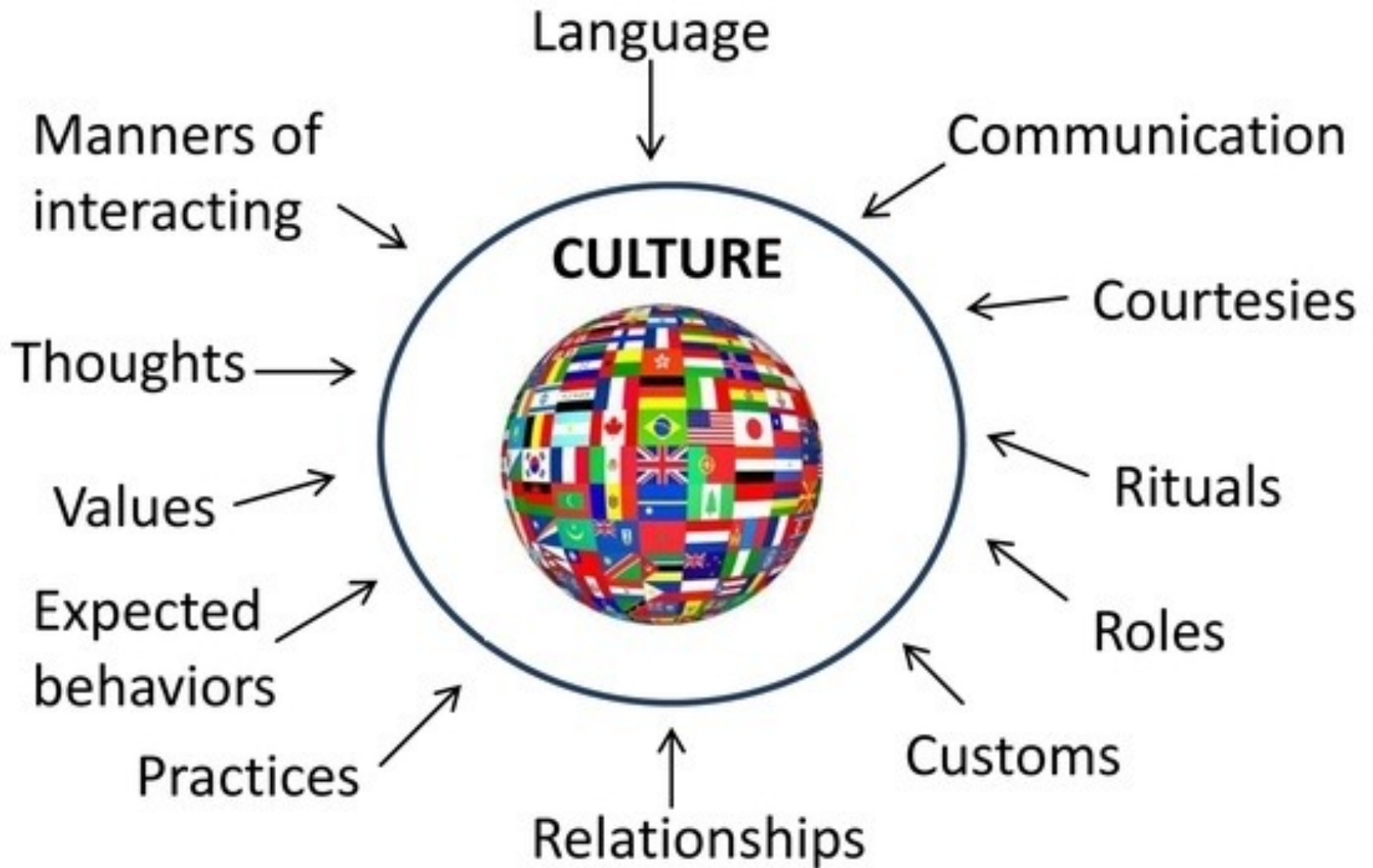
Law as a tutor / guardian

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“Guardian” – **paidagogos**: a child-trainer



What does it mean that the Law is a guardian?



Tutor / Guardian

- It was common for children between 6 and ~16 to be under their care
- They were responsible for getting the child to school.
- They protected the children from evil influences and demanded their obedience
- They cooperated with the teacher, but did not and could not do the teacher's job

Plato's *Lysis*

- “Do your parents allow you to do as you please, who has charge of you?”
- “My paidagogos here.”
- “What! Even though he is a slave, what does he do?”
- “He takes me to school.”

Law: BEFORE

Grace: NOW



Not under the Law

- 2 Cor 3:7 (speaking of the 10 Commandments) – “was being brought to an end”
- Rom 7:6 “But now we are released from the law...”
- **katargeo** – to abolish, nullify, make inoperative; discharged from

Hebrews 7:11-12

¹¹ Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Law) what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek rather than one named after...

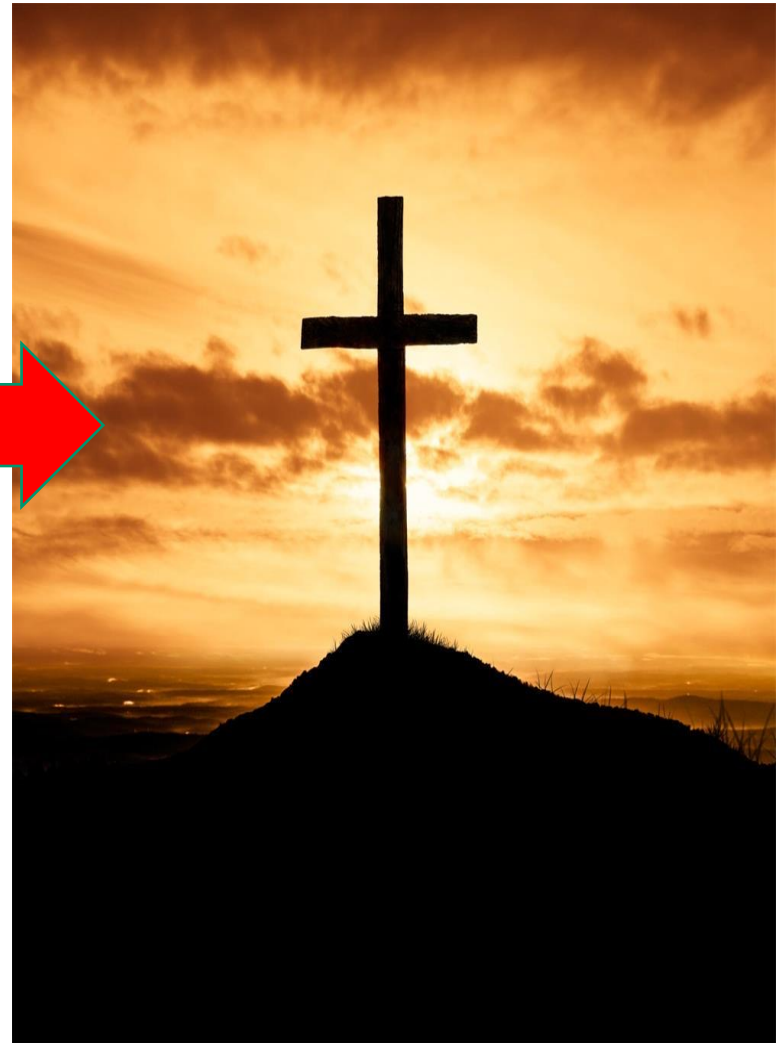
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...the order of Aaron? ¹² For when there is a **change** in the priesthood, there is a necessity for a **change** of law to take place

- Change (**metatithemi**) – transfer from one thing to another / to transpose

Law: BEFORE

Grace: NOW





**How did we transfer
from a law system to
a grace system?**

Romans 7:4-6

⁴ Brothers, you have died to the law through the Body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law...

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Held Captive

Galatians 3:23 "...we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.



Set Free

Romans 7:6 "But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive..."



**If we're not under law
anymore, how are we going
to have good conduct?**

Law: Guardian



Grace: Teacher



Curriculum of Grace

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Present Provision of Instruction

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- “instructing” – **paideuo**: to train a child



How does grace instruct?

Instruction of Grace

- **Educates** - Acts 7:22a “Moses was **educated** in all the learning of the Egyptians...”
- **Corrects** - 2 Timothy 2:25a “with gentleness **correcting** those who are in opposition...”
- **Disciplines** - 1 Cor 11:32a “But when we are judged, we are **disciplined** by the Lord...”



**Grace is like a
child-trainer**



**What is the goal
behind child-
training?**

Curriculum of Grace

Live / Embrace

- Sensibly (**sophronos**): self-control
- Righteously: Godly-attitude
- Godly: God-consciousness

Curriculum of Grace

Deny / Reject

- Ungodliness: opposite of God-conscious
- Worldly desires: refers to the aims, purposes, and desires that are not from God's Word

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Future Provision of Hope

“¹³ **looking for** the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus”



- NOT shameful
- NOT worried
- BUT eager expectation / anxiously waiting

Redeemed

“¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might **redeem** us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.”

- Redeem - to free by paying a ransom



What did He free us from?

Lawlessness

“¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.”

1 John 3:4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Freed from Sin

Romans 6:6 “We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”

Romans 6:18 “and, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness.”

A silhouette of a person from the waist up, facing away from the camera, with their arms raised and holding a broken chain. The background is a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise sky with soft clouds. The overall mood is one of liberation and triumph.

Freedom in Christ!

Freedom in Christ

1 Peter 2:16 “Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but as bondslaves of God.”

Galatians 5:1 “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

Freedom in Christ

Galatians 5:13 “For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

Love's Constraint

2 Corinthians 5:14 “For the love of Christ **controls** us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died (*to sin*)”

Controls = to constrain

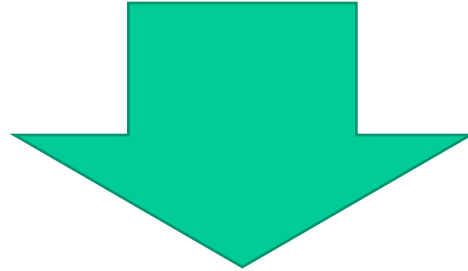
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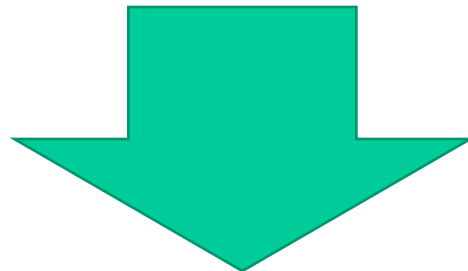


What makes us zealous for good deeds?

- Freed from the law
- Freed from the sin nature



- To purify us for Himself, for His own possession



- Produces zealotness for good deeds

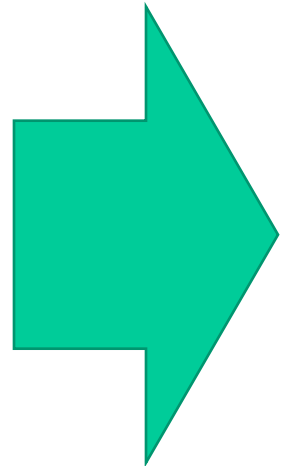


So, WHY were we set free?

**What was God's original
intention in the garden?**



No longer in bondage of
keeping a set of rules or
performance-based Christianity





We've been set free from *any* obstacles that get in the way of our enjoying Him and having fellowship with Him