

The New Testament Church
The Gospel of the Kingdom #2 – Law and Grace
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I Sharing the Gospel with Others – **We CONFESS that the Bible is the Word of God**

- A. Matthew 4:23 – Jesus *“preaching the gospel of the kingdom”*
 - 1. The **gospel** – “good news” – you can be rescued from your past
 - 2. Of the **Kingdom** – “rule” – you are saved to learning how to govern yourself
- B. Proclaim – “to herald” – share – James 3:17
 - 1. Our motive must be sincere – share peacefully, gently, reasonably
 - 2. John 6:44; 12:32 – exalt Christ, and He will draw – *God opens doors to share*
- C. Creation and Sin – **We CONFESS our sin and that Christ is our substitute**
 - 1. *We are all made in the image (character) of God* – we have a great destiny
 - 2. *We are all sinful from conception* – we exercise self-control over sin through confession, forgiveness and allowing the Spirit of God to form new character

II Law and Grace – John 1:17; Romans 3:19-26

- A. **John 1:17** – ...*law* was given through Moses... *grace and truth* through Jesus Christ
 - 1. The OT also had grace and the NT fulfilled the law but repealed certain aspects
 - 2. Jesus did not come to do away with the law, but fulfill it – Matthew 5:17
- B. **God’s Law** – v. 19-20 – **The Law of God is righteous and good**
 - 1. God’s Law defines what is righteous – “all the world is guilty” (Ro. 7:
 - a. No one is justified before God “by the deeds of the law” or their good works
 - b. *By the law is the knowledge of sin* – we would not know what sin is...
 - 2. The Ten Commandments – Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5 (two tables of the Law)
 - a. No other gods before Him – *Keeping what God wants a priority*
 - b. No graven image – *Not putting any idol or image before the Lord*
 - c. Not take the name of the Lord in vain – *No swearing (hypocrisy)*
 - d. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy – *Attendance is a priority*
 - e. Honor your father and mother – *Demonstrate honor to your parents*
 - f. You shall not murder – *no murder* (different from self-defense)
 - g. You shall not commit adultery – *respect the sanctity of marriage*
 - h. You shall not steal. – *respect private property*
 - i. You shall not bear false witness – *demonstrate loyalty to one another*
 - j. You shall not covet – *guard your heart and pray for contentment*
- C. **Grace** – v. 21-26 – **The grace of God is His ability given to us**
 - 1. The righteousness of God “apart from the law” – apart from our own efforts
 - 2. It is the righteousness of God “through faith in Jesus Christ” – **Sola Fide**
 - 3. Though all have sinned, we are “justified freely by His grace” – **Sola Gratia**
 - a. The word “grace” means *“divine influence upon the heart”* – ability, favor
 - b. We are justified by his blood – “just as if we never sinned” – our position
 - c. Jesus is our “propitiation” (substitute) – taking our penalty in our place