# FROM LAW TO GRACE

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Kingdom Paradigm Shift – Session 1

**Journey of Grace**

The New Covenant is not an addendum to the Old Covenant, but the New Covenant is a completely different covenant.

**Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** 2 Timothy 2:15 AKJV

Rightly dividing the truth is knowing how to discern what is truth in relationship to the Old Covenant and what is truth in relationship to the New Covenant.

Everything in the Old Testament is not Old Covenant and everything in the New Testament is not New Covenant. Matthew, Mark, Luke + John are in the New Testament, but are still in the Old Covenant because the sacrifice of Jesus was not yet complete.

You are approved, not based on what you have done, but based on what Jesus did.

**Let no corrupt communication go out of your mouth, but only that which is good to the use of edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, where ye have been sealed to the day of redemption.** Ephesians 4:29-30 KJV

When you preach the law, you put people back under the curse. (reference Galations 3:10)

Unmerited favor – highly favored – you are accepted (Greek) (reference Luke 1:28, Ephesians 1:6)

**For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,** Titus 2:11-12 NKJV

Grace is the teacher – it teaches us to deny ungodliness. Grace is not a cause for sin, grace is the antidote for it. It is not a license to sin; it is an empowerment.

**The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.** 1 Corinthians 15:56 NKJV

**I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.** Romans 7:9 NKJV

## Crossover from Old Covenant to New Covenant

Hebrews: Cross over from the Old Covenant to a New Covenant

New Covenant - Better blood, better promises, better tabernacle, better priesthood, better sacrifice – everything about the New Covenant is better.

**God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds...** Hebrews 1:1-2 KJV

"Hath" – past tense.

**But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.** Acts 2:16-17 NKJV

It was not the last days of cosmic collapse, but it was the last day of the Old Covenant.

## Paradigm Shift

**In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'"** Matthew 3:1-3 NKJV

Repentance (Greek: metanoia – change the way you think)

John says that it's the end of Old Covenant and introducing the New Covenant. Replacing the old form of government with a new covenantal form of government called the Kingdom of God.

Repentance – turn from and towards.

Important to turning toward, turn from law, legalism and turn towards the government of the Holy Spirit.

**Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."** Luke 17:20-21 NKJV

**O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?** Galations 3:1 NKJV

**Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you...** Galations 4:10,11 KJV

The Kingdom is not coming from observation of tradition of the Old Testament.

This is not an external government, but an internal government.

Preaching the law can change behavior but only grace can change the heart.

Under law you are conformed, but under grace, you are transformed (Greek: metamorphosis)

**...and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.** Matthew 3:6-13 NKJV

The Kingdom of God is not a political system, but it is the government of heaven and is found in the Holy Spirit.

**For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.** Romans 14:17 NKJV

**Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.** 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 NKJV

The Old Covenant is Jesus concealed, but the New Covenant is Jesus revealed.

**But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now, these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.** 1 Corinthians 10:5-11 KJV

Crossover to the promise land called rest (Jesus).

If you work God will rest, but if you rest then God will work.

**Pictures of Jesus in the Old Testament**

**And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.** Revelation 11:8 KJV

Road to Emmaus (reference Luke 24:13-32)

Holy Spirit is to the New Covenant what the Law was to the Old Covenant.

## Significance of Holy Communion

The cup of the New Covenant. The bread of communion is not to disqualify you, but to qualify you. The Inauguration of the New Covenant. They knew Him in the breaking of the bread.

## Work of the Holy Spirit Has Three Dimensions

**John 16: 8-11, Romans 5:17b**

1. He will reprove the world of sin because they don't believe. He will convict of unbelief. When you are not a believer you need the power of Holy Spirit to convict you that you need a savior.
2. He will convict + convince you of righteousness.
3. He will convict of our judgment. Not that our judgement is in the future, but our judgment has already passed.

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Kingdom Paradigm Shift – Session 2

**The Government of Death, its constitution chiseled on stone tablets, had a dazzling inaugural. Moses' face as he delivered the tablets was so bright that day (even though it would fade soon enough) that the people of Israel could no more look right at him than stare into the sun. How much more dazzling, then, the Government of Living Spirit? If the Government of Condemnation was impressive, how about this Government of Affirmation? Bright as that old government was, it would look downright dull alongside this new one. If that makeshift arrangement impressed us, how much more this brightly shining government installed for eternity?** 2 Corinthians 3:7-11 MSG

The Old Covenant condemns you and the New Covenant affirms you. Old Covenant points what is wrong with you, but New Covenant points out what is right with you.

The Old Covenant was written to the old man (Adam) telling him how to behave. The covenant is given to a New Creation to bring to his full maturity.

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## Significance of Jesus Baptism in the Jordan River

**Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.** Joshua 1:8 KJV

Moses brought you out, but Jesus will bring you in.

Joshua, in Hebrew, is Jesus.

**For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins...** Hebrews 10:26 KJV

There is not another lamb coming.

**Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured**

**the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.** Hebrews 12:1-2 KJV

**Joshua Chapter 3 + 4**

John the Baptist is the priest and Jesus is the Ark of the Covenant. John the Baptist carries Jesus into the Jordan River.

**Elijah + Elisha**

**Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right. All that passing laws against sin did was produce more lawbreakers. But sin didn't, and doesn't, have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call grace. When it's sin versus grace, grace wins hands down. All sin can do is threaten us with death, and that's the end of it. Grace, because God is putting everything together again through the Messiah, invites us into life—a life that goes on and on and on, world without end.** Romans 5:18-21 MSG

**So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not! If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there? Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land! That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country.** Romans 6:1-5 MSG

The “Promise Land” is resting in the finished work of Christ.

## REFERENCED MATERIALS

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