

# Grace and Truth

John 1:14-18

## Moses' Ministry: The Law

- The law revealed perfect standard of righteousness (Galatians 3:21)  
Proverbs 29:18 – “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”
  - Some things can be known about God from creation, but revelation is necessary to know His fullness
  - Truth – that which reflects reality – truth is strength, foundation, something that can be built upon
- The law revealed the seriousness of sin (Numbers 15:32-36)
  - Man with an ox that he knows is unruly and it that kills someone – the man is to be stoned
  - Those who commit adultery: both are stoned
- The law revealed a portion of God's character (Matthew 5:17-18)  
*Jesus didn't adhere to the law, the law adhered to Him. It is a reflection of His righteousness.*
- The purpose of the law was to reveal man's sinfulness (see Galatians 3:24)  
Joshua 24:14-22 – Joshua told Israel that they wouldn't be able to keep the law without a true repentance  
*Have you ever tried to be perfect? It is very frustrating*

## Jesus' Ministry: Grace

- Grace – Unmerited favor – giving us something we do not deserve
- Grace brings forgiveness (John 8:1-11)  
*The woman taken in adultery before Jesus. He did not condemn her, but offered forgiveness*
- Grace transforms (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)  
*The law didn't know this type of hope. Jesus brought grace!*
- God's grace knows no bounds (Ephesians 2:4-7)  
*Grace is a foreign concept to us. Yet, it is the rule of the Kingdom.*

## Jesus' Ministry: Truth

- Jesus clarified and fulfilled the law (Matthew 5:17-18)
- Jesus shows us what God is like (John 14:8-11)  
2 Corinthians 4:6 - “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”  
*One of the greatest revelations of God that Jesus gave was His amazing love towards mankind*
- Jesus authored the gospel and sent it forth into the world (Matthew 28:18-20)  
Matthew 13:17 – “For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.”

## A Comparison of the Ministry of Moses and Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:7-11)

What did the ministry of Moses and Jesus have in common?

- Both were revelatory – God was revealing something of Himself
- Both revealed essential parts of the gospel

How did the ministry of Jesus Christ exceed the ministry of Moses?

- A more complete revelation of God's character was given  
*As harsh as the law is, man must know law before he can know grace*
- The qualities of God revealed by Jesus exceed the qualities revealed by Moses  
*Man knew God was good from the OT, but it wasn't until the NT that we knew how good*
- Jesus fulfilled and completed the revelation of the gospel