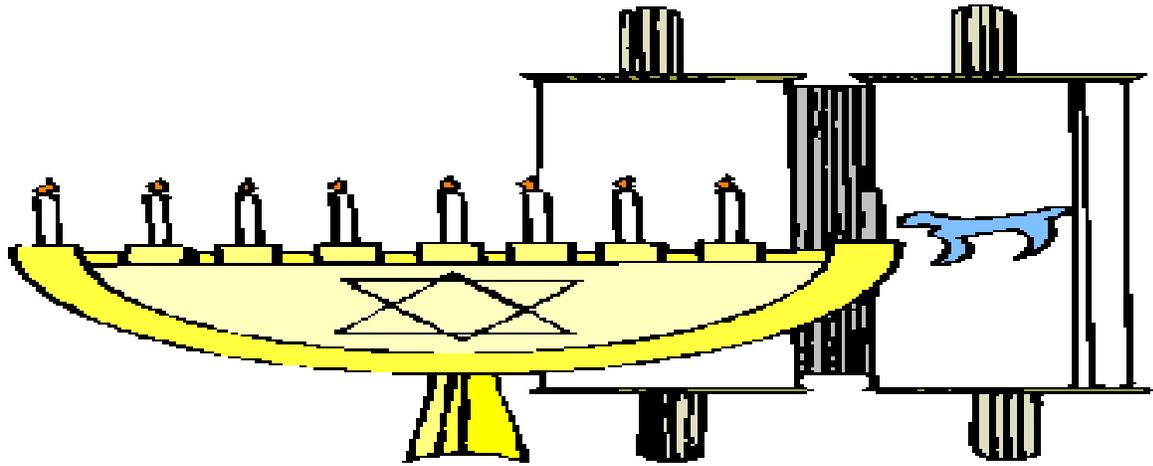


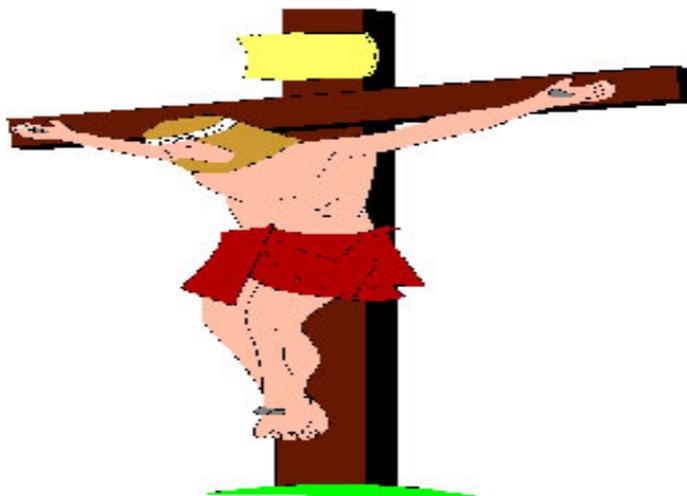
A Comparison Chart between the Law of Moses,



the Present day Church,



and the Grace of God



A Comparison Chart to show the Law of Moses, as it Functions in the Present day Church System, and the Church as Given by the Grace of God

Preface

Churches of this day have come to the place where the Law of Moses is fully integrated into their doctrines and practices. Yet Scripture makes it quite clear that the Law of Moses has been fulfilled at the cross of Christ (Acts chapter 15; Romans 10:4; Galatians 2:16-19; Colossians 2:14-17). The religious man may see nothing wrong in relating to God through practices that are from the law, however, for the Christian, it is the place of death (2 Corinthians 3:7, 9), not life in the Spirit.

The Christian is told in Scripture that he is complete in Christ apart from the Law of Moses (Colossians 2:9-13).

In the booklet, "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth," by C. I. Scofield, Mr. Scofield points out that this truth; "the Judaizing of the Church has done more to hinder her progress, pervert her mission, and destroy her spirituality than all other causes combined." No Christian should be swayed by persuasions of church practices, doctrines of men, or the religious flow of the day. We are told that Scripture is the very words of God, these and these alone should direct the pathway of a Christian.

Law of Moses	Church Operating under The Law of Moses	Church under Grace
<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <hr/> <p>God appointed a one man ministry to minister to Israel, only Moses (Exodus 19:24).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <hr/> <p>Church appointed clergy to minister to laity according to church bylaws in incorporation documents. These are legal binding bylaws upon all members.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <hr/> <p>God gives gifts of the Holy Spirit to believers to minister (Ephesians 4:11; Romans 12:6).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <hr/> <p>Ordaining of priests who alone minister in the tabernacle or temple (Exodus 29:5-9).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <hr/> <p>Ordaining of clergy who alone minister in the churches or give authority to those who can.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <hr/> <p>All believers are priests who have been given the right and privilege to minister in the church (1 Peter 2:5-9; Revelation 1:5-6).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <hr/> <p>God gave through the Law of Moses a hierarchy of men to rule Israel (Exodus 18:25-26; 29:5-9; 40:12-16).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <hr/> <p>Hierarchy of men in the church rule through election, appointment, or through legal bylaws of church incorporation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <hr/> <p>No Scriptural doctrine of hierarchy in the churches. The grace of God does not have any place for a hierarchy. Work of oversight is done by an elder desiring the work of oversight, who meets Scriptural qualifications (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9; 2:1-10).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <hr/> <p>All truth came by Moses who alone spoke for God</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <hr/> <p>Only official church doctrine set by men in the hierarchy,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <hr/> <p>Christ alone is the truth He will lead his people into</p>

(Exodus 19:9-25).

or a founder of the church
can be believed or accepted.

all truth (John 16:13).
Jesus is the Word of God,
the Holy Spirit and the
Scripture are the test of
truth (John 1:1; 6:63).

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All authority of God came
only through Moses
(Exodus 4:12, 15-16;
Numbers 16:28).

Clergymen are to have all
authority over laity.

Oversight of the Lord's
assembly is the responsibility
of the elders, who are
brothers among the Lord's
brethren (1 Timothy 3:1;
5:1; 1 Peter 5:1-6).

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Tithes and offerings are
mandatory. Collected for
the Levitical priesthood.
Tithe: (Leviticus 27:30-32).
Priests: (Numbers 18:21-24).
Temple tax:
(Exodus 30:13-16).

Tithes and offerings
collected for headquarters
of the church organization
maintaining the clergy,
keeping a hierarchy in
power. Tithes mandatory
in some church bylaws.

No tithes collected, believers
admonished to give as the
Lord has prospered. No
offerings are to be taken
(1 Corinthians 16:2).
Giving is to be from purpose
of heart (1 Corinthians 9:7).

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Judaism is founded on the
Law of Moses. The Law of
Moses is built on 613
commandments given and
recorded in the Pentateuch
(the first five books of the
Bible).

Churches of today are built
on a founder of a church or
denomination, the Law of
Moses, and the bylaws of
incorporation as filed and
recorded with the state.

The Church that the Holy
Spirit is building is the
pillar and ground of truth
(1 Timothy 3:15). Not
built on men, 1 Corinthians
3:11, not in league
with the state John 17:16,
the Law of Moses is not a
part the of the Church of
God (Colossians 2:8, 14-
17).

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In the Law of Moses, God appointed one man, Moses to tell the people what the word of the Lord is for them.

Churches ordaining and appointing of clergy to tell the laity what the word of the Lord is for them.

Christ speaks directly to His people: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). "For ye may

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all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted" (1 Corinthians 14:31).

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The power of God rested solely and fully on Moses (Exodus 4:1-9; 7:1; 9-13; 11:1-6; 12:29-30; 14:21-31).

The legal position of clergyman has authoritative power over the people in the church or parish.

All believers are servants. "But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your servant. And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your slave" (Matthew 20:26-27).

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"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you" (Deuteronomy 28:15). The law of Moses was a ministration of death (2 Corinthians 3:7).

Churches teach that the Ten Commandments, or some parts of the other commandments, are for a Christian to live by: separate priesthood or clergy, tithing, church building called a temple or sanctuary, incorporation of a church with all members under its bylaws and edicts.

"Jesus said: "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak unto you are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63). "In Him was life and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).

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"Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be

Churches teach that a Christian is to keep some

There is therefore now no condemnation to them

in the country. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land.. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall

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parts of the Law of Moses and they are to be kept for good church order and for spiritual life. Guilt put on those who do not follow

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which are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). Christ is the end of the law for righteousness (Romans 10:4).

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you be when you go out” (Deuteronomy 29:16, 18-19).

The Law of Moses is a ministration of condemnation (2 Corinthians 3:7).

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The Law of Moses is to be kept as a complete unit all 613 commandments: “Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say amen.” this means all 613 commandants (Deuteronomy 27:26).

Ordination of clergy comes directly out of the Law of Moses (Exodus 29:1, Leviticus 8:1-13).

If any part of the Law of Moses is to be kept a believer is a debtor to the whole Law (Galatians 5:3).

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“Now the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets” (Exodus 32:16).

Churches rationalize taking certain parts of the law and making them into legal church doctrine.

“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10).

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God gave feast days under the Law of Moses (Leviticus chapter 23). Israel turned the feast days into something God did not intend, and

Jesus gave the remembrance feast, of His death. Churches have turned the remembrance feast of the Lord’s death into a legal

Worship is the primary and the highest purpose of the remembrance of the Lord in His death (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-

contrary to His purpose
(Amos 5:21).

sacrament.

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In the Law of Moses priests were sanctified through the washing of baptism, without this washing Levities could not enter into the priesthood (Leviticus 8:6).

Churches turning water baptism into a sacrament, in many churches a condition for church membership. Rather than identification with Christ (Romans 6:5).

Every Christian a member of the Church of God through the Holy Spirit baptizing them into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13). Every Christian is washed (baptized) by the water of the word (Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5).

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Moses to reign over Israel, then Aaron, then the priests, then the Levities, then the common Israelite.

The church structure is built on the Law of Moses. Authority is based in general headquarters, an apostle, general superintendent or president, then district authority, then local authority, then pastor or board, then the laity.

Structure of this type of authority is given through the incorporation documents filed with the government, or by the agreement within any church.

“And He said unto them, the kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief as he that doth serve” (Luke 22:25-26).

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God addressed only Moses with His word (Exodus 24:2-3). Truth of God could only come

Official ordained church authority is to have the final word on truth. This structure of authority is derived from

“For other foundation can man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11).

through Moses.

man made denominations, independent gatherings, sects, etc. These divisions in Christendom are not from the Holy Spirit or the truth taught in Scripture.

Letters of Scripture to the churches are addressed not to authorities, but to whole assembly (Romans 1:7-13; 1 Corinthians 1:2;

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Galatians 1:2-3; Ephesians 1:2-3; Philippians 1:1-2; Colossians 1:2-3; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Peter 1:1; Jude 1:1-2).

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“Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant” (Exodus 31:16). “...For whosoever doth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people” (Exodus 31:14).

Some churches attempt to keep Saturday as the Sabbath as was given under the Law of Moses to Israel. Other churches attempt to make Sunday a Christian Sabbath .

“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath day: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ” (Colossians 2:16-17).

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God chooses through Moses, those whom will bear the burden of the ministry with Moses.

Church boards establish ministries for the propagation of their denomination, sect, or independent movement. For these ministries the church pastor or board will chose the minister to serve at the boards pleasure.

“And God has appointed in the Church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, ...” (1 Corinthians 12:28). “But to each of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift” (Ephesians 4:7). “And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us

exercise them accordingly...” (Romans 12:6). In these Scriptures we learn that God by the Spirit chooses, not men.

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20	20	20
“And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people...” (Exodus 18:13).	Foursquare church pastors are required under church bylaws to keep a dossier on church members, active or inactive; “by laws of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; pastors duties” page 36, section c.	“For bearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye” (Colossians 3:13).
21	21	21

Moses was the mediator between God and man (Exodus 32:7-16). “Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator” (Galatians 3:19).

Church membership for some churches is based on the member putting faith in the founder of the church. For example the Foursquare Church law states: “subscribes and adheres to the ‘Declaration of Faith’ compiled by Aimee Semple McPherson,” Bylaws of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; church membership page 32, section C. Dismissal of Membership: “Refusal to adhere to ‘Declaration of Faith’ or comply with the provisions of the articles or these bylaws.” Page 34 section A. Faith in this woman founder is required

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5). “For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones” (Ephesians 5:30). “For other foundation can man lay than that is laid, which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11).

for church membership and to keep church membership.

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22	22	22
God to Moses for the children of Israel: “All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live...” (Deuteronomy 8:1).	Bylaws of the denomination required for church membership in many churches, the spiritual standing with God is here thought to be tied to these bylaws and edicts of the church.	“For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).
23	23	23
Moses said to Aaron and his sons: “Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations” (Leviticus 10:9).	Some church denominations require a signed statement by members that they will not drink any strong drink or wine. A requirement of some Baptist churches and other holiness churches.	“The Son of Man has come eating and drinking and you say, look a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Luke 7:34).
24	24	24
Only Moses spoke with the authority of God for all Israel.	The Roman Catholic Church claims that the Pope speaking from Peter’s chair alone is speaking without error, all must obey or be branded a heretic.	“However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to

come” (John 16:13).
Jesus said:
“...Everyone who is of
the truth hears My
voice” (John 18:37).

Conclusion

Many may think after reading this graph; yes, this is true but why worry about these things. My church is very successful and we have good clergymen, so why make a big deal out of these truths. A story may help to illustrate the point that this graph offers:

A religious man had married a religious wife who loved him. Their home was a happy home, so they called it the house of God. He felt the home was lacking and in need of more people, so one day he brought home another wife. His wife was very upset, and she told her husband so. The husband consoled her with kind and loving words. He told her how much he loved her no matter what. Sometime later the husband brought home another wife. Again his first wife was greatly upset. He again consoled her with very loving words. This happened again and again until he had 10 wives. His first wife felt something was wrong and complained to him bitterly. She told him that her spirit was wounded and hurt. Her husband loved her but felt she lacked understanding. So he said to her; even though I have 10 wives have I not given unto you your conjugal rights and have I not continued to love you? Do not all my wives love you and each other? Are not all of you sister/wives in one big happy family? Are we not all just brother and sisters in the house of God? Are not all of our 35 children good children? Do any of my other wives complain or look sad like you are doing? Are not the other 9 wives all happy without any complaints? Why do you want to find fault with everything? Can't you just be happy and enjoy what God is doing? For our family is a shining example of what a family should be that live in the house of God; that being a loving relationship between brother and sisters.

There are no legal minded people here to come in and destroy this **wonderful family**. There are no absolutes here, just love. God is love and He has commanded that we love one another, ask yourself; **are you against God?**

Just go with the flow and love all your sister/wives and your children, and their children. We want to love you so don't spend your time stirring up strife. Remember when we first got married we together decided to call our house, the HOUSE OF

GOD. Now we have many more here who have come to enjoy our spiritual blessings and live in equality and totally on the basis of love.

The first wife could not be consoled with words. When she married her husband she thought the marriage came with absolute structure of marriage. Her husband used the word love to undermine the God given structure of marriage. Her husband instituted a new structure of marriage all for the purposes of doing God's will more perfectly. The first wife's spirit could not be fooled into putting away the **God given structure of marriage**, for what seemed to be outwardly a happy family. Only when the first wife is free of these other wives will she enjoy a true God structured marriage with her husband.

So it is with the Christian who will follow Christ, according to who Christ is, that being; the divine revelation of Grace and Truth (John 1:17). The other wives for the Christian are the doctrines, practices and structures of men brought into the church. They infringe into the intimate position that the first wife has with her husband. The spirit in the Christian cannot be fooled with what seems to be good works, and cunning words of deception. The love of God (agape) compels the Christian (as part of the bride of Christ) to follow only the Holy Spirit, and the structure of His Word, in order to have only one husband.

When the Christian believed, he was brought into a marriage relationship with Christ, then upon entering the church he had to live with things not of Christ. No amount of reasoning from what **'our church believes'** will quiet the spirit of the one who desires Christ and Christ alone, without the other wives. Only in this place will the Christian be free and stay free.

Many Christians may not at all be aware that they are free from the Law. This freedom is freedom unto one husband, even Christ. The Christian who is involved in these legal organizations is living with other wives. The Bridegroom coming for His wife is Christ, He will come for one wife, not wives. The addition of the commandments of men in the churches is exactly what the Pharisees did to God's Word, Jesus told them: "You reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition" (Mark 7:9).

The calling of God for every Christian

For the Christian who wants to live in the freedom of the Spirit of Christ. Only

what the Spirit of God has revealed in Scripture, will take the Christian into the place of being one wife of Her husband, in intimacy, without competing secular or religious spirits. (John 14:23).

God's design for blessing and freedom for the Christian is for the Christian to live and walk in the kingdom of Christ. This means without the religious entanglements founded by men. God redeemed a sinner, made him a saint, to be only unto Himself.

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“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage” (Galatians 5:1).

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