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## Grace and Truth

John 1:15-18  
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### I. Jesus is Better than John the Baptist (v. 15)

- A. John the Baptist was \_\_\_\_\_ from God (Jn. 1:6-8)
- B. John the Baptist was a \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ (Jn. 1:25-31)
- C. John the Baptist is a \_\_\_\_\_ to he who "is mightier than I" (Matt. 3:11)

### II. Jesus is Better than Moses and the Law (vv. 16-17)

- A. You cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ by keeping the law (Gal. 2:16; Titus 3:5)
  1. The Law addresses men as members of the old creation; Grace makes men members of a \_\_\_\_\_ creation
  2. The Law manifested what was in Man—sin; Grace manifests what is in God — \_\_\_\_\_
  3. The Law demanded righteousness from men; Grace \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness to men
  4. The Law sentences a living man to death; Grace brings a dead man to \_\_\_\_\_
  5. The Law speaks of what men must do for God; Grace tells of what Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ for men
  6. The Law gives a knowledge of sin; Grace puts \_\_\_\_\_ sin
  7. The Law brought God out to men; Grace brings men \_\_\_\_\_ to God

- B. But, the law was not all \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 3:31; 7:7; 7:12)
- C. Moses is to be regarded as a \_\_\_\_\_ servant of God (Jn. 5:45-47; 7:19-24)
- D. The problem was with Jews who \_\_\_\_\_ Moses and the law (Jn. 6:29-33; 9:28-34)
- E. Moses and the law together are a \_\_\_\_\_ gift from God (Gal. 3:24; Heb. 3:1-6)

### III. Jesus is the Best Way for the Father to be Made Known (v. 18)

- A. No one has ever seen God
  1. To see God face to face was to sign your own \_\_\_\_\_ warrant (Judg. 6:19-23; 13:15-22; Isa. 6:5)
  2. God cannot be seen because He is a \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 4:24; 2 Cor. 3:17; Col. 1:15; 1 Tim. 1:17; Heb. 11:27)
  3. Moses may have spoken to God face to face, but he never \_\_\_\_\_ God's face (Ex. 33:9-11, 17-23)
- B. No one but Jesus could ever reveal God
  1. This is the monogenes's \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 1:3)
  2. This is the monogenes's \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 4:6)
  3. This is the mongenes's \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 14:8-10)

### TAKE HOME

- If Jesus ranks first in your life, is that demonstrated clearly in all your \_\_\_\_\_?
- If Jesus is better than Moses and the law, is that demonstrated clearly in where you place your emphasis in your \_\_\_\_\_?
- If Jesus is the best way to make the Father known, is that demonstrated in your \_\_\_\_\_ of the knowledge of God?

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 1:15. Now look at John 1:6-8 and John 1:25-31. How do these passages teach that John the Baptist was sent from God and that he was a witness for Christ?

2. Look at Matt. 3:11. In what ways in your life can you be more like John the Baptist? In what areas of your life should you say Jesus “is mightier than I?” Are you just saying that or are you showing that in how you live?

3. Read Gal. 2:16 and Titus 3:5. What are these passages both teaching? Review the seven differences that were listed between law and grace. Which one do you tend to get confused on the most often? Why?

4. Read Rom. 3:31; 7:7; and 7:12. Is the law all bad? Why or why not?

5. Read John 1:16-17. How did the Jews misuse Moses and the law? Read Gal. 3:24 and Heb. 3:1-6. Was the law a gracious gift from God? Why or why not?

6. Read John 1:18. Has anyone ever seen God? How are we to understand Ex. 33:9-11 and Ex. 33:17-23?

7. Read Heb. 1:3; 2 Cor. 4:6; and Jn. 14:8-10. How do these verses show us that no one but Jesus could ever reveal God?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you live differently based on this message of grace and truth?

*“John left no stone unturned, no argument unclarified.  
Jesus is the very essence of God and, according to this verse [John 1:18],  
his purpose in coming to earth was to exegete, to interpret, to explain the heavenly Father.”*

- Kenneth Gangel in the *Holman New Testament Commentary* on John