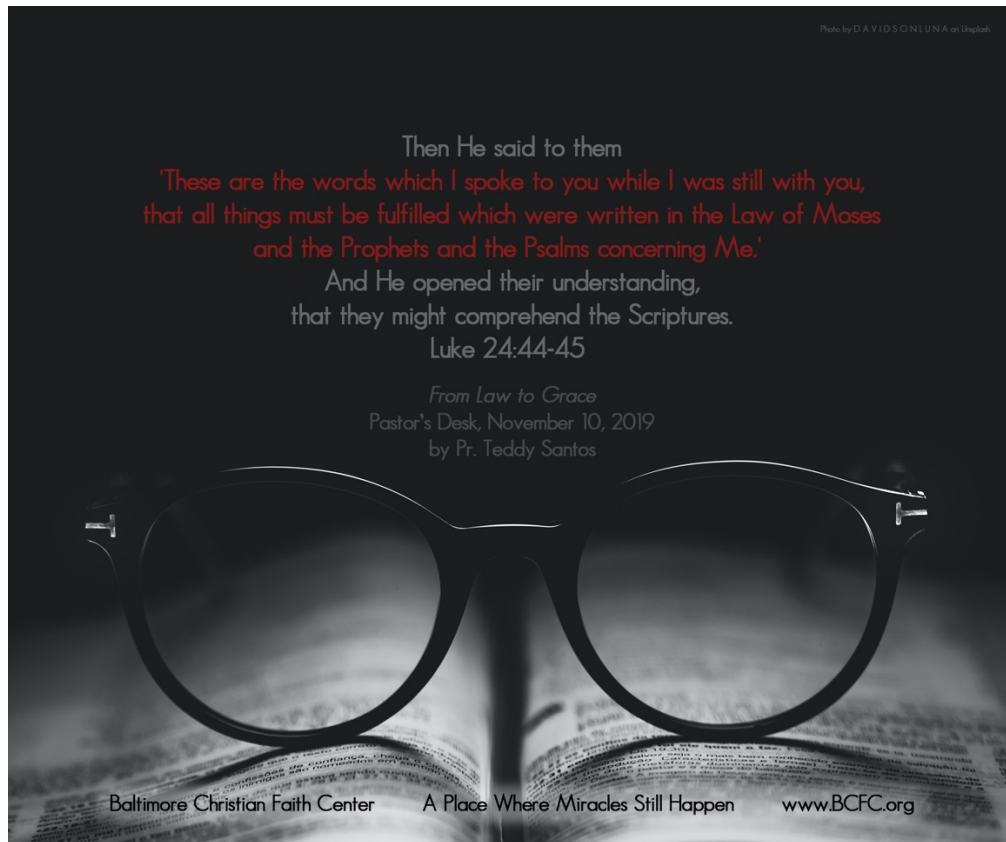


From Law To Grace

John 2:1-11

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The first miracle our lord Jesus performs during His ministry is changing water into wine at a marriage feast in Cana. While we can discuss the many different facets of this story, when we compare what our Lord and Moses each did with water, Jesus' miracle shows the contrast between Law and grace. Moses changes water to blood, and Christ turns it into wine.

Earlier, in *John 1:17*, the apostle John writes, "*For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*" Moses' turning of water into blood suggests judgment (*Exodus 7:14-17*), while Jesus' turning of water into wine implies generosity and joy. In *John 3:17*, John comments, "*For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world* [what the law does to sinners], *but that the world through Him might be saved* [what grace does for those who repent]."

This miracle demonstrates at the earliest possible time that Christ's ministry would be one of grace and truth, as an extension and complement of the Law and the prophets (*Matthew 5:17-19*). Jesus had come to fulfill God's Law, that is, to teach it and live it as an example of how to apply it to everyday life. In the book of Luke chapter 24, it explains/ amplifies all that has been thus far mentioned: *Luke 24:44-45 (44) Then He said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.'* (45) *And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.*

At His service,
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