

It is arguable that there is an exact parallel between God's original giving of the law to old Israel and God's sending of Jesus Christ.

According to the original understanding, God's original giving of the law was itself grace. For while the law in its "*what*" consists in a plurality of commandments, the law in its "*that*" is a singular offer of help, the commandments all being guidelines for leading an abundant life.

But, then, in exactly the same way, Jesus' ministry of word(s) and deed(s) was itself grace. For while his ministry in its "*what*" consists in a plurality of commandments, his ministry in its "*that*" is a singular offer of help, the commandments all being guidelines for leading an abundant human life.

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