

## Teaching: the True Character of God

### Understanding the times of the past.

- \* Before the law, sin was not imputed to us, ... [Romans 5:13](#)  
Cain killed Abel, yet God protected Cain, ... [Genesis 4:8-15](#)
- \* The law was given, ... [Exodus 20:3-17](#)  
Strict enforcement of the law, by man and by God  
Purpose of the law, to make sin known, ... [Romans 7:9](#).
- \* Our better covenant, grace and mercy through Jesus Christ  
Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, ... [John 1:17](#)

### God's unchangeable Nature

God is true to His Word, no matter what the time era was  
Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, forever, [Hebrews 13:8](#)

### It is important (crucial) not to mix grace and law.

- The law has been fulfilled, ... [Matthew 5:17](#)
- The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, [Gal 3:24](#)
- No man puts new wine into old bottles;  
But new wine must be put into new bottles;  
and both are preserved, ... [Luke 5:56-59](#)

### God's true Character under grace and truth:

**God is love**, ... [1<sup>st</sup> John 1:8](#)  
[Romans 5:8](#), [Romans 8:39](#), [Ephesians 3:19](#),  
[1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1](#), [1<sup>st</sup> John 4:9](#), [1<sup>st</sup> John 4:10](#), [1<sup>st</sup> John 4:16](#)

### The attributes of Love, (God):, ... [1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4-8](#)

Love suffers long, is kind; does not envy; is not vain or prideful; Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not its own, is not provoked, does not hold account of evil; does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails: