

Grace vs. The Law

For the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ (John 1:17)

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ² I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? ³ Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? ⁴ Have you experienced¹² so much in vain—if it really was in vain? ⁵ So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? **(Galatians 3:1-5)**

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who¹³ do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. **(Romans 8:1-2)**

In Verse 2 there are two laws:

- 1) the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
- 2) the law of sin and death

There is a new order – a new law – a new way – faith in Christ Jesus!!!

Matthew 5:21-22; 27-28; 31-32; 33-34; 38-39

You have heard it was said Jesus quotes the LAW.

But I tell you..... now Jesus supersedes the OLD LAW.

They should have tried to stone Jesus because He was making Himself greater than the law.

THE LAW GIVER WAS THE LAW KEEPER WHO GIVES US A NEW LAW: The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:20: Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

Nobody can keep the Ten Commandments. But 9 of them are in the NT (not the Sabbath). Yet everyone has disobeyed all of the 10 commandments.

¹² Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which¹⁴ the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. **(Galatians 6:12-15)**

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. **(Galatians 5:1-3)**

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. **(Galatians 5:16-18)**

acts of the sinful nature: (19-21): ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

fruit of the Spirit: (22-25): (we get all 9 of these from the Holy Spirit):

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Who was the law given to?

Do not cause anyone to stumble whether Jew (unsaved), Greeks (unsaved Gentiles), or the Church of God (all those who are saved). **(1 Cor.10:32)**

The Bible talks of three people: Jews, Gentiles, and Christians.

Exodus 31:12: Then the Lord said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe my sabbaths.....

These words are said 63 times in the Old testament:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?quicksearch=say+to+the+Israelites&version=NIV>

The law was given to the Israelites!! Not the Gentiles then or now, or the Church now!!

The church has been given a New Law (The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus).

A New Covenant, New Creation, New Life..... through faith in Christ Jesus.

Romans 14:23: “anything not done in faith is sin”.

Let’s look at Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Now let’s see Jeremiah 29:10 pre-ceding it. See who God was talking to.

¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity, I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.” **(Jeremiah 29:10-14)**

But do you think God has a plan for you!! Yes He does!! I think you could believe Jeremiah 29:11 is for Christians now but in context we see a whole new picture.

God is still dealing with Israel.

Romans 9 (past) Romans 10 (present) Romans 11 (future):

Romans 11:26: ²⁶ and in this way all Israel will be saved. (from out of the tribulation)

As it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

²⁷ And this is ²⁷ my covenant with them when I take away their sins."^[a]

Romans 10:12-13: NOW under the new covenant!! ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 9:4-5: ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, **the receiving of the law**, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

All that was given the Israelites in the Old Testament – and more to be fulfilled.

James 2:10, "Whoever keeps the whole law yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking it all."

Romans 10:4, "Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes."

So if the law is of no effect and ended then why is it there?

- 1) Jesus fulfilled the Law. So He was spotless. The Law Giver kept the Law.
- 2) Jesus always pointed to the Scriptures (OT): "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life" (**John 5:39**).
- 3) On the road to Emmaus, "Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory". And beginning with Moses (the Law) and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

Verse 44: "Everything must be fulfilled **that is written about me** in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

NOTE: Apocrypha was put in the Catholic O.T. Bible in 1530 A.D. The Bible (66 books only) was decided by God through Godly men in the first generation after Christ so nothing would be added after (Apocrypha, Book of Mormon, Book of Thomas, etc. etc). No books after that as only by people who walked in the Generation after Christ were given the authority to decide on the books of the bible through the Holy Spirit (they had to be God-inspired). Secondly, Jesus never referred to them – He referred to Moses (5 books), the Prophets, and the Psalms (39 OT books) but NEVER the Apocrypha.

So why read the Old Testament?

1) It points to Christ's prophecies about His First Coming and there are even more prophecies about His Second Coming than His First.

2) Genesis Ch.1-3 verse Revelation Ch.20-22:

Gen.1:1: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Rev.21:1: heavens and the earth. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away."

Gen.1:5: "God called the darkness NIGHT."

Rev.21:25: "for there will be no night there."

Gen.2:17: "you will surely die"

Rev.21:4: no more death

Gen.3:1: Satan appears to deceive man

Rev.20:10: Satan disappears

Gen.3:24: Driven from God's presence

Rev.22:4: "They will see my face"

3) The OT points to Christ.

a) The seed of the woman (Gen.3:15)

b) Abraham's son spared – Christ crucified (Genesis 22)

"On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.

c) Genesis 24: A typology or example:

Abraham (Father) Servant (Holy Spirit) Isaac (Christ) Rebekah (Bride).

d) Esther: gallows for Haman (guilty) - Cross for Jesus (innocent).

The King held out His scepter and Esther was accepted. Our King bled & died for us.

e) The Law:

i) The blood: Christ. (lamb on a spit: spit went thru lamb's shoulders & body: cross)

ii) The Feasts: Christ (Passover, Weeks, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles)

iii) Temple ornaments: Christ (table, lampstand, ark, Aaron's staff, candlestick, etc.)

iv) The Wisdom: Christ (Proverbs, Solomon, etc.)

v) Temple: We are the temple of God. Holy of Holies (spirit), Inner Court (soul), Outer Court (body).

vi) The Resurrection: Christ: "I will not let my Holy One see decay (Psalm 16:10)

"I know my Redeemer lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth." (Job 19:26)

vii) You can't understand Joshua without Ephesians, Leviticus without Hebrews, or Daniel without Revelation.

viii) "Don't muzzle the ox while it is working" now means "support the Christian worker and be a blessing to him/her".

ix) The Sabbath:

a) Palm Sunday (1st day of the week) Thursday (Last Supper/Gethsemane) Friday (Crucified) Saturday (Burial: 7th day) Sunday (Resurrected). Sunday was 8th day. Those who believe the Sabbath is on Saturday are "still in the grave".

- b) 8 is the number of a new order. Noah's ark: 8 people: A New order.
- c) Sunday: On the first day of the week we came together to break bread (Acts 20:7)
We worship 7 days of the week and are FREE. (see: Galatians 5:1)
It is RESURRECTION SUNDAY: the most important day: the Resurrection!!!
- d) Paul went to the synagogue on Saturday (as was his custom) to preach a Risen Jesus to the Jews. It almost cost him his life many times.

We now have a new Law of faith:

"I know **whom** I have believed" (2 Tim.1:12)

We walk by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit (not the flesh) forgiven, cleansed, healed, at peace, etc. by the blood of the Lamb.

Often, converted Jews were telling Christians to get circumcised (it is a circumcision of the heart), to obey the Law (now the NEW LAW of GRACE!!). They were bound by religion just like many Christians can be bound by religion and "do, do, do".

I used to go to church and felt justified after church that "I" had done something. Now I go to church because I love God and His Church. I'm free from the Law of Sin and Death and have entered into the LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN Christ Jesus!!!

The Law brought death – 3,000 died
Grace brought life – 3,000 saved (Acts 2)

Good Samaritan:

Law (priest/levite): give no help

Grace (Good Samaritan): pours in oil & wine, put us on his donkey, and provides for us.

Law: "Seek the Lord while he may be found."

Grace: "The Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost."

Law: "Do and thou shalt live." (Lev.18:5)

Grace: "It is finished"

"We don't work to the cross but from the cross.

Law: sheep died for the shepherd

Grace: Shepherd (Jesus) died for the sheep.

Law: demands holiness

Grace: gives holiness

2 Corinthians 13:5: Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?

Galatians 2:16: know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

So I say, DON'T MISS "GRACE". The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus is also impossible. But we have a way out – faith in Christ Jesus. Jesus living His life through us. Jesus united to us in spirit. Jesus sending the Holy Spirit to FILL US COMPLETELY: spirit-soul-body.

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