

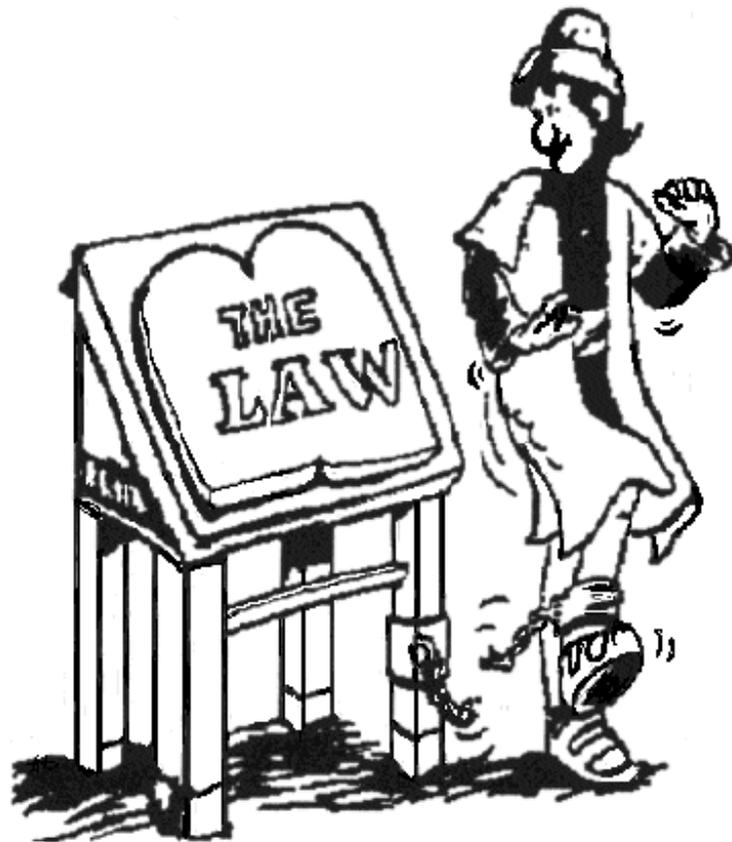


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GRACE

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THE PURPOSE OF GRACE

The "Purpose" of God's Grace is revealed in Eph. 2:7, as being—"That in the 'Ages to Come' He might show the EXCEEDING RICHES OF HIS GRACE." In the British Museum there are gathered from every nation and land under the sun specimens of all kinds of animal, vegetable, and mineral life. No expense has been spared to make the collection complete. So God is gathering from every tribe, people, and nation specimens of His "Grace," so that in the "Ages to Come" He may exhibit these trophies of "Grace" as samples of what the Gospel can do, and the sweet thought of it is, that there are no duplicates.

You may think that you are too bad, too vile, too cranky, too odd and peculiar to be saved, but that is why God wants you, for there will only be SPECIMEN SINNERS up there, and God! wants to show the Universe that the Gospel is the 'POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH.'" Rom. 1.16.



THE LAW demands holiness.	GRACE gives holiness.
THE LAW says— Cursed is every one that continueth lot in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.	GRACE says— Blessed is the man whose iniquities are forgiven whose sin is covered; blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute iniquity.
THE LAW says— Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.	GRACE says— Herein is love: not that we love God, But that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
THE LAW speaks of priestly sacrifices offered year by year continually, which could never make the comers thereunto perfect.	GRACE says— But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever . . . by one offering hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.
THE LAW declares— That as many as have sinned n the Law. shall be judged by the Law.	GRACE declares— T hat there is no condemnation (Judgment for Sin) for those who are in Christ Jesus for they HAVE PASSED from Death unto Life. John 5: 24.

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II. GRACE

“By Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the GIFT OF GOD; not of works, lest any man should boast.”

Eph. 2: 8-9.

From this scripture we see that “Grace” is a GIFT. If a man receive salvation in exchange for his works, then salvation is but another word for “wages.” Or if Salvation is given in exchange for benefits bestowed, then it is simply a “reward.” Now if a man receive Salvation as wages, or as a reward, then Salvation is not a GIFT but something that he was entitled to, and therefore is not of GRACE. Grace is not something given us to help us keep the Law, Grace is UNDESERVED MERCY.

The “Source” of Grace is GOD’S LOVE. “

For God SO LOVED the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3: 16.

The “Channel” of Grace is CHRIST. .

“Grace and Truth came BY JESUS CHRIST.”

John 1:17. Titus 2: 1 1.

The “Instrument” of Grace is FAITH. “By Grace are ye saved THROUGH FAITH.” Eph. 2:8. Not faith in a thing, as some good deed we have done, but faith in a PERSON, and that person JESUS CHRIST.

That we may the better see the difference between “Law” and “Grace” let us contrast them.

1. "BLOOD" AND "WINE."	1. "BLOOD" AND "WINE."
The first miracle that Moses performed as the representative of the "Law" was to turn water into BLOOD, typical of DEATH. Ex. 7: 19-21.	The first miracle that Jesus performed as the representative of "Grace" was to turn water into WINE, typical of LIFE. John 2: 7-11.
2. "DARKNESS" ...	2. "LIGHT."
All the "Law" can do is to produce DARKNESS, as when Moses caused a "thick darkness" to cover the land of Egypt. Ex. 10: 22-23.	But "Grace" gives LIGHT. Jesus said—"I am the LIGHT of the World." John 9: 5. Jesus came to give not only sight to the physically blind but to the spiritually blind as well.
3. "DEATH" ...	3. ..."LIFE."
the last scene in Egypt sees DEATH. The death of the first-born. Ex. 12: 29-30. The "End of the Law" is DEATH. The first time the "Law" was proclaimed 3000 were KILLED. Ex. 32: 26-28.	Rom. 6: 23. One of the last miracles of Christ was to give LIFE, the resurrection of Lazarus. John 11: 41-44. Jesus came to bring LIFE and IMMORTALITY to light, through the "Gospel of Grace." The first time that "Grace" was preached 3000 were SAVED. Acts 2:
4. "STRIPPED" ...	4. ..."CLOTHED."
We are by nature like the man in the Parable of the Good Samaritan robbed and stripped and left by the wayside to die. Luke 10. 30-37. The "Law," like the "Priest" and the "Levite." passes by and gives no help...	We are by nature like the man in the Parable of the Good Samaritan robbed and stripped and left by the wayside to die. Luke 10. 30-37. ...while "Grace" comes where we are, and like the "Good Samaritan" pours in oil and wine, and puts us in his place on his beast, and provides for our future.

5. "SEEK" ...	5. ... "SAVE."
The "Law" says—"SEEK the Lord while He may be found."	"Grace" says—"The Son of Man is come to 'SEEK AND TO SAVE' that which was lost." Luke 19:10. What a vista the parable of the "Lost Sheep" opens up. It was not so much the sheep that was lost as that a man had LOST A SHEEP. When Adam sinned and wandered away, God said - "Adam, if you can do without me, I cannot do without you." Then it was that "Grace" began its work.
6. "DO AND LIVE," ...	6...."LIVE AND DO "
The "Law" says—"DO and thou shalt Live." Lev. 18:5.	"Grace" says—"IT IS FINISHED." No man is justified by his works, but as a Believer he will be rewarded for his works. We are not to work to the Cross, but from the Cross.
7. "SERVANTS" ...	7 "SONS"
The "Law" said to Moses at the "burning bush" - "Put OFF thy shoes." Ex. 3:3-5 Why? Thou art a SERVANT. Heb. 3:5	"Grace" said to the "Prodigal" when he returned home—"Put ON thy shoes." Luke 15: 22 Why? Because he was a SON. Luke 15:24.
THE LAW SAYS	GRACE SAYS
"Keep Off." "Bow the Knee." "Punish." "Strip" "Kills."	"Embrace Him." "Kiss Him." "Forgive." "Best Robe." "Makes Alive."
Under the "Law" the "SHEEP" died for the "Shepherd." John 10:14-15.	Under "grace" the "SHEPHERD" died for the "Sheep." John 10:14-15.