

EMBRACE THE GRACE

Grace Seems Too Good to Be Legal

Romans 7:1-5

When you get it
you wanna live it

When you don't live it
you really don't get it

GRACE IS THE . . .

unlimited, unmerited, free favour, goodness and blessing of God

LEGALISM is a system of living in which we try to make spiritual progress or gain God's blessings based on what we do.

GRACE is a system of living in which God blesses us because we're in Jesus Christ and for no other reason.

WHEN I EMBRACE THE GRACE . . .

I AM DEAD . . . TO THE LAW

There are different kinds of laws

- Moral Laws – right and wrong, 10 Commandments, transcultural
- Civil Laws – cultural, government driven, safety
- Ceremonial Laws – sacrificial system, priests, offerings etc.
- Personal Laws – standards we set that measure value

Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? ²For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. ³So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

⁴So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. ⁵For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death.

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But didn't Jesus tell us that if we love him we will obey his commandments? Absolutely he did. But when grace rules in our lives we will approach the commandments in a totally different manner than the legalist does. It is about **OBEY** and not **RELY** when it comes to the law.

For this is the love of God that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3

I AM FORGIVEN . . . OF ALL MY SIN

- God throws your sin into the sea (Micah 7:19)
- God treads your sin under foot (Micah 7:19)
- God throws your sin behind his back (Isaiah 38:17)
- God blots out your sin (Isaiah 43:25)
- God forgets your sin (Hebrews 8:12)
- God removes your sin (Psalm 103:12)
- God covers your sin (Romans 4:7-8)
- God takes your sin away (John 1:29)
- God cancels the debt of your sin (Colossians 2:14)
- God washes away your sin (Isaiah 1:18)
- God forgives your sin (1 John 1:9)
- God laid your sin on Jesus (Isaiah 53:6)

I AM RIGHTEOUS . . . BECAUSE JESUS IS

You cannot become more righteous by obeying laws.
All you will do is feel condemned or condemn others.

. . . you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, let him who boasts boast in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

When I blow it,
it is not my sin, my failure, my weakness
BUT
his death, his forgiveness and his righteousness
that I should focus on and live out.
This is what it means to EMBRACE THE GRACE

Grace must be my life motivation and my life measurement.

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen

2 Peter 3:18