

# Can you hear grace?

I read a lot of "Christian" teaching that tells us to make sure we are keeping God's Ten Commandments. They seem to think that a Christian is still under the Law of Moses. Can you hear the message of Grace? Abraham was imputed as righteous simply because he believed and God promised him an inheritance. Abraham was a liar and a coward. Yet even though Abraham was not perfect, God called him RIGHTEOUS by faith. Yet today many are being taught...and have been taught that they must keep God's 10 commandments. This is not the GOSPEL...BUT IS A BURDEN that the Apostle Peter said we can not possibly carry.

*Act 15:8 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,*

*Act 15:9 and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*

God gave His Spirit to the new believers simply because they believed the message of Jesus death and resurrection. By receiving the Holy Spirit their hearts were purified of the old nature—receiving God's divine nature instead—Christ Jesus!!

*Act 15:10 Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?*

*Act 15:11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."*

Can you hear Peter preaching grace? Where is he telling anyone to keep the Law of Moses? Where is Peter telling anyone to keep the big 10? The Law is a heavy yoke that no one can bear. Peter says that we are saved through the GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. This grace he speaks of is the receiving of

Jesus Himself when we believe. Jesus is THE GRACE of God. If you have the Son you have Life..if you do not have the Son you do not have Life. Or you could say if you believe on Jesus you are justified by faith. If you try to keep God's Ten Commandments you will never be justified. Paul repeats this crucial difference three times in one verse! Can you hear?

*Gal 2:16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.*

Apostle Paul writes a whole letter to the Galatians to turn them back from those who were bewitching them with talk of Law and circumcision. Grace is plain to see, but because so many have had Law preached to them since they were little, they cannot hear the joyful sound. Instead they go to bed afraid that they may not have kept God's law perfectly that day. They have no real assurance for they are trusting in their own ability to keep the Law. Others think they are doing pretty good keeping God's Law and have a false sense of security based upon their perceived performance. The truth is written all through Galatians about this.

*Gal 3:24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

*Gal 3:25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.*

How clear can it be for us? The law was our tutor and now we are no longer under the tutor/law. Why?

*Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*

*Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ*

*have(it is done!) put on Christ.*

Literally verse 26 says "for ye are all sons of God through the faith in Christ Jesus, (YLT)

Not our faith in Christ...but the faith that is IN Christ. Which is as Paul said in Gal 2:20 that

*"the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God..." (KJV)*

NOT faith in Jesus..as if He is separated from me and I have to do my best to believe in Him. That would be a terrible covenant to call a New Covenant...that would be just like the Old Covenant in that it would be our responsibility to strive to do keep our part of the bargain.

But God found FAULT with that Old stinking covenant and has DONE AWAY with it.(Heb 8:13) We are saved and made holy by the FAITH OF JESUS HIMSELF operating in us in the Spirit. We are justified and sanctified by His faith not our own as if we are separate.

*1Co 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—*

*1Co 1:31 that, as it is written, "HE WHO GLORIES, LET HIM GLORY IN THE LORD."*

He drew you to come, He saved you..He chose you?...What did you do, where is boasting then? We do boast though don't we?

"Oh, I came to Jesus...I said a sinners prayer... I made Him Lord and Saviour."

Dear beloved child of God HE SAVED YOU...it was all His doing. We tell people to repent yet it is God who must grant

repentance. We tell people to believe yet it is God who must grant sight and faith. Well that same God Who did not leave it up to you to get saved will complete you...will perfect you...in fact He has done it, and will do it.

*1Th 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*1Th 5:24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.*

*Heb 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*

*We live by His Life working in us constantly. We do not live any more by a separated self trying to please God by keeping laws.*

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See what brother Paul says? You are a son of God through the faith that is in Christ...and then Paul elaborates upon this statement. As if the reader is asking, "How Paul...how am I now a son of God through faith?"

He uses the same revelation as written in Romans 6 and elsewhere which was given to him by Jesus.

YOU ARE A SON OF GOD because you DIED and are now risen in Christ Jesus. You were baptised into Christ...into His death!!

When you died the Law stopped being over you. That Old Man(Ro6:6) of sin was under Law and Law kept condemning it to a just death. So you were crucified with Him so that the body of sin may be done away with. Now you are raised up to newness

of life in Him...no longer under Law but placed into Christ Jesus and He placed into you.(Jn 14:20)

You live by the same life that raised Jesus from the dead. You are not separate having to keep a close eye on the Law and how well you are doing! You are freed from the Law and brought into Christ a new creature.

Those who have preached "keep the law" at you mean well, but they do the same as the people Paul fought against. They are causing you to set aside the grace of God and try to be made perfect in your own strength. Good luck with that! You have put on the Lord Jesus....or did you forget that?

We do forget because of the strength of the law preachers..they scare us. But beloved of God...YOU HAVE PUT ON JESUS CHRIST. That means you are IN HIM...HE IS YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS...HE IS YOUR PEACE WITH GOD...HE IS YOUR ONLY STANDING BEFORE THE FATHER....AND YOU ARE CLOTHED FULLY WITH HIM.