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THE IMPOSSIBLE STANDARD

*Legalism Demands Perfection —
Grace Provides Acceptance*

Legalism sets an impossible standard because it demands sinless perfection from sinful people. It offers no room for failure, no place for grace, and no hope for those who struggle.

The Law of God is holy, just, and good (Romans 7:12). But fallen humanity cannot keep it perfectly.

JAMES
2:10 (KJV)

*"For whosoever shall keep the whole law,
and yet offend in one point, he is guilty
of all."*

Legalism magnifies the one point we missed and ignores Christ's finished work.

THE STANDARD OF THE LAW

- It commands perfect love (Matthew 22:37)
- It forbids every wrong thought (Matthew 5:28)
- It demands perfect obedience in every area
- It leaves no room for human weakness

No one has ever kept it perfectly—not even the best religious leaders of Jesus' day.

ROMANS
3:23 (KJV)

*"For all have sinned, and come short of
the glory of God;"*

Legalism says, "Try harder."
The Gospel says, "Trust Jesus."

Legalism condemns.
The Gospel saves.
Legalism exhausts.
The Gospel gives rest.

**THE LAW
EXPOSES OUR
INADEQUACY.
THE GOSPEL
PROVIDES OUR
ACCEPTANCE.**



**THE LAW
CONVICTS.**

**THE GOSPEL
TRANSFORMS.**

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

*You were never meant
to be saved by the Law.*

*You were meant
to be saved by Jesus.
Leave legalism behind and
walk in the freedom
of God's grace.*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Galatians 3:10–13, 21–25
Romans 7:14–25
Hebrews 10:1–4
2 Corinthians 3:6–9