

Under grace over sin.

We've been teaching on the difference between living under the law and living under grace.

- In the old testament specifically from the time of Moses receiving the law in Exodus until the book of Malachi we see men living under the law and God dealing with them through the law.
- But then in the new testament, specifically in acts to revelation, we see men living under grace and God dealing with man through grace.

We taught last week that the law was all about demand and grace was all about supply.

- Under the law...
 - there was a demand on you to perform up to the standard of God's righteousness.
 - So under the law the demand for righteousness was put on you and you had to supply the righteousness of God out of your flesh.
- Under grace...
 - Your righteousness is supplied through your new birth.
 - Now under grace we put the demand on God and His power that is supplied to us in order to produce righteousness.
- Under the law God said walk upright before me but under grace we say Holy Spirit Guide me into all truth.
 - We found out that Jesus came under the law, becoming a man, to redeem us out from under the demands of this law by fulfilling those demands himself in our place.
 - So now under grace the demand that is on us is not a demand to perform but a demand to put our faith in Jesus' performance.
 - If we will do this the righteousness that was demanded under the law God will supply us with through a new birth.
 - Under the law God demanded righteousness from a corrupt heart. But under grace God has supplied me with a righteous heart that desires right things.
 - Under the law God demanded that through my own human strength that I walk in righteousness. But under grace he has supplied me with the strength of the Holy Ghost to cause me to walk in righteousness.
 - Under the law the demand was put on me. But under grace we put the demand on God.
 - Under the law God said walk upright before me and keep all my commandments but under grace we say, "Holy Spirit guide me into all truth."

Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

- Notice that coming out from under the law caused sin to lose dominion over you.
- But the problem is we are still teaching and preaching the law today to a new testament church and when you do that you put the people back under the dominion of sin when really they are free.

What is teaching and preaching the law today?

- Teaching and preaching the law today would be any teaching or preaching that produces a works mentality or a performance mentality.
 - Teaching and preaching the law to a new testament church is teaching and preaching that puts more emphasis on your works and what you do than on your faith in what Jesus has already done.
 - Law teaching says that if you want more power then you need to pray more and fast more.
 - But grace teaching tells us that we already have all the power we will ever need through what Jesus has done for us and praying and fasting doesn't give us more power, it just conditions us to be able to understand the power we already have and be able to release it.
 - What's keeping you from releasing the power in you is your flesh that gets in the way. So prayer and fasting just gets your unruly flesh under control so you can submit it to the Holy Spirit and manifest who you already are.
 - Law teaching says that if you want to be healed and blessed by God then you need to pray more, read more, come to church more.
 - But grace teaching tells us that by his stripes we are already healed and we are already blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places by Christ Jesus.
 - Under grace you don't have to do more to get more, you've already got everything you need. You've been supplied with it. Now you have to get a revelation of what you already have though Jesus Christ and just receive it by faith.

Compare **Deut 28:1-2** with **Ephesians 1:3**

- If thou in Deut 28 means this is conditional on what you do
- The condition is you must keep all commandments
 - So under the law the blessings and the power of God was conditional on what you did.
- But according to Ephesians 1:3 you are already blessed with a spiritual blessing in Christ
 - So under New Testament grace you are already blessed through Jesus.

- Your performance isn't going to bless you. Your faith in Jesus' performance has already blessed you.
- read Eph 1:1-14
 - When you read these verses it puts everything in the past tense as if you already have it or it's already yours.
 - Under the law you had to perform to get anything from God
 - But under grace You've already got everything God is going to give you through faith in Jesus' performance as a man under the law.
- Read verses 15-17
 - Notice that Paul prays for them to receive revelation.
 - After Paul tells them what they already have through Jesus then he prays for them to receive revelation.
 - He doesn't pray for them to get more power, be more blessed, more righteous and so on.
 - He prays for them to get revelation of what they already have.
 - So under grace we don't need to do more to get more. We already have everything. We just need to get a revelation of what we have.
- Verse 18
 - Inheritance in the saints not to the saints.
 - You already have an inheritance in you.
 - You don't have to wait till you get to heaven to receive everything God has for you. It's already in you by grace through faith in Jesus finished works.
- Verse 19-20
 - I want you to get a revelation of the power that is available to us who believe which is the same power that he demonstrated when he raised Christ from the dead.
 - The resurrection power of Jesus is available to you.
- Verse 21-23
 - This power will put all things under your feet.
 - The resurrection power brought Jesus back from the lowest hell.
 - You will never have to come back from what Jesus came back from yet that's the level of power that is available to us. It's more power than we will ever need.
 - So that means then there is nothing that we can't come back from when we have this resurrection power.
 - But notice its to us or available to us who believe (verse 19) not who perform well enough. Those that will put faith in Jesus' performance this power is available to them.

So back to **Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

- How did sin dominate us under the law.
 - sin=guilt(conscience **Romans 2:15**)
 - sin=guilt=condemnation=death=separation(**Isa 59:1-2**)
 - So under the law we see a God that could help us but can't because of sin.
 - So sin dominated us in that it kept us separated in many instances from a loving Father and His power.
- So now let's say I preach Isa 59:1-2 to a new testament church. I am separating them from something that Ephesians says they already have through Jesus Christ. I'm giving sin dominion again when it doesn't really have it anymore.
 - If I preach this what I'm saying to you is that God hearing you and moving in your life and you seeing his power is based upon your performance instead of Jesus.
 - I'm taking the focus off of Jesus and Putting it on you
 - Or in other words I'm taking the glory from Jesus and putting it on you.
 - If your performance is good that's what you're going to glory in.
 - So now if something good happens you're going to glory in your performance as if you made it happen.
 - **Romans 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.**
 - The law of faith excludes or eliminates boasting on mans' part or in other words eliminates man's glory.
 - You can't get the glory when you are saved and delivered by the law of faith which says you must believe on the finished works of Jesus.
 - The law of faith under grace gives the glory to Jesus not you.
- But if I preach Isa 59:1-2 to you as a new testament believe under grace you are going to develop a mentality that says in order to hear from God and see his power move in my life you are going to begin to focus on my works
 - So I'm going to have to make sure I don't sin and I pray enough, read enough, go to church enough, and then God will hear me and move.
 - But then if this doesn't happen then we say well my performance wasn't good enough so I start to work on my performance.
 - All of this is you putting faith in your works instead of Jesus.

Let me preface what I'm about to read to you by saying there was an issue Paul was having with some teachers that were going around saying that it's not enough to just believe in Jesus but you still need to be circumcised according to the law. So Paul is dealing with teachers wanting to put the Galatians back under the law.

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free,

- The liberty is the liberty from works and performance in order to be righteous.

and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

- The yoke of bondage is the law or the mindset that I must perform in order to be righteous.
- We must standfast or persevere or be persistent about living in the liberty Christ has given us which is freedom from works in order to be righteous and be persistent about not walking in a mindset of works.
 - So if he says be persistent then that must mean that there will always be a temptation or draw to go back into works
- Entangled means I can't move, lift my hands, or walk. I am stuck.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

- Couple of things we need to see here:
- 1. (Verse 4) if you are justified by the law (meaning works) then you will make Christ of no effect unto you.
 - "Become of no effect" comes from the greek word kat-arg-eh'-o which means...
 - to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, inoperative
 - to cause a person or thing to have no further efficiency
 - to deprive of force, influence, power
 - to cause to cease, put an end to, do away with, annul, abolish
 - to cease, to pass away, be done away
 - to be severed from, separated from, discharged from, loosed from any one
 - to terminate all intercourse with one
 - So when you are justified by the law or you start to put your faith in your works to make you righteous or to get God to move in your life you katargeho Jesus.
 - Why because now you are putting your faith in yourself and not Jesus.
- 2. We now understand what it means to fall from grace.

- It doesn't mean to sin, so you are no longer under the grace of God until you repent.
- If that's the case and you can disqualify yourself from grace and then qualify yourself again then it ceases to be grace.
- To fall from grace is to go back to the yoke of bondage, the law, and put your faith in your performance instead of Jesus' performance. You fall from grace Because now you are trying to earn it.

5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

- So my point is that when I teach and preach law to you and put you back under the law trusting in your works to make you righteous I cause sin to have dominion again and Jesus to lose dominion in your life.
- I sever you from the power of God in your life.
- The only way to draw out the power that is already in you is to put your faith in Jesus and be persistent about it.

So sin shall not have dominion over you because you are not under the law but under grace. So if I teach and preach in a way that puts you back under the law or under a law mentality then I put sin back in dominion over your life.

- Sin under the law will dominate through fear.
 - sin=guilt
 - always does
 - sin=guilt=fear
 - Fear of what? Fear of condemnation and judgment from God because we are preaching law again.
 - sin=guilt=fear=curse
 - Because instead of being able to believe God for healing, deliverance, protection I will always be in a state of fear.
 - Fear that I'm not good enough and that because of that he will not move in my life.
- **1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.**
- **Amp 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love [dread does not exist]. But perfect (complete, full-grown) love drives out fear, because fear involves [the expectation of divine] punishment, so the one who is afraid [of God's judgment] is not perfected in love [has not grown into a sufficient understanding of God's love].**

- When you are fearing the judgment of God and fearing God not answering you or moving in your life you have not grown into a sufficient understanding of God's love.
- And you can't get a sufficient understanding of God's love preaching and teaching the law.
- Because God's love is that he came in the flesh in the person of Jesus and came under the law to fulfill the demands of the law so that we might be redeemed from the law and be made the righteousness of God through Him not our works.
- **Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.**
 - Avaieth in the greek is to wield power
 - Works do not wield power only faith in the finished works of Jesus wields power.
 - But faith only works by love.
 - If I'm preaching the law I'm not preaching the love of God through Jesus Christ and therefore your faith won't work.
 - Fear will work to bring you into the curse. But faith won't work to bring you into the blessing.
 - But if I preach grace to you and the love of God it will cause faith to work and that faith will eliminate the curse in your life and bring you into the blessing.
- Under grace
 - sin=guilt
 - sin=guilt=faith=repentance=restoration.
 - Sin=guilt=love=repentance=restoration
 - Not restoration back to a righteous state but restoration in your soul and if need be in your body from whatever that sin may have caused.
 - Remember sin has its consequences but not from God.
 - It has its own consequences. God put his consequences on Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death is sin;

- Death has no sting or it's harmless when you are born again and free from sin.
 - A bee or wasp or scorpion without a stinger is harmless and nothing to fear.
 - Death is nothing to fear when you are born again.
 - Now when you are in sin the sin is the sting of death.

and the strength of sin is the law.

- The law is what gives sin the strength in your life.
 - The law magnifies the power of sin to disqualify you from God's blessings and keep you in fear.
 - The law will also strengthen sin to stay in your life to where you can't quit doing it.