

Under grace over sin p2

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 a couple weeks ago on how the law was all about demand but 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.
- Under the law there was a demand put on this corrupt heart to produce a standard of righteousness it couldn't produce. But under grace we've been supplied with a righteous heart that will cause us to produce God's standard of righteousness.

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 in you 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.

- 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.
- If I preach Isa 59:1-2 to you which is what Isa had to preach under the law.
 - **Isa 59:1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**
- Then what I'm doing to you is I am building now a mentality that the reason God is moving or not moving in your life is based on what you do or don't do.
 - I'm developing a performance mentality.
 - So now you are going to begin to focus on you and your performance and out of self effort try to earn the deliverance of God.
 - I've just put you back under the law and gave sin it's power back over you.
- Now we know that under grace sin has been taken out of the way.
 - **John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**
 - **I John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.**
 - **Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**
 - Hebrews 10:19-20 is a reference to the temple and in the temple the glory of God rested in the holiest place behind a veil.
 - That veil represented our sinful flesh that separated us from the power of God.
 - No one could go behind the veil but the high priest once a year with animal blood, the right clothes on and having performed all the correct ceremonial washings.
 - But this says that we can enter into the holiest (not a temple but we can have the glory in our life) by the blood of Jesus and by going through the veil of His flesh.
 - When Jesus sacrificed the body of flesh on the cross he was destroying the veil of separation.

- So now through faith in what his flesh accomplished for us we are no longer separated from the glory and the power of God.
- So now sin and my works is not what separates me from the delivering power of God because that's been taken out of the way.
- What separates me today is not having faith in what Jesus did.
- So if I preach the law to you (scriptures like Isa 59:1-2) I take your faith out of Jesus and I put it in your works and what you can do to get God to move.

Gal 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

- 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 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.

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 that I put sin back in dominion over your life.

Lets look at another way sin dominates under the law.

- 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].**
 - Lets talk about fearing the judgment of God.
 - There are those that literally fear God judging them
 - But also when you fear God not answering you or moving in your life you are fearing the judgment of God.
 - Any unholy fear you have toward God is a fear of his punishment and judgment.
 - If you have this fear then you have not grown into a sufficient understanding of God's love.
 - This is the root cause of any fear in your life.
 - 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.
 - So preaching the law will keep you in fear because you will believe that your works will cause God not to answer you or move in your life
 - sin+guilt+fear=curse
- **Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.**
 - Avaieth in the greek 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 the law
 - sin+guilt+fear=curse
- Under grace
 - sin+guilt+love=blessing
 - Or we could say, sin+guilt+faith=blessing

Lets look at another way sin dominates under the law.

The law will actually produce more sin in your life.

- **Romans 7:1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.**
- **Ampc Romans 7:5 When we were living in the flesh (mere physical lives), the sinful passions that were awakened *and* aroused up by [what] the Law [makes sin] were constantly operating in our natural powers (in our bodily organs, in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh), so that we bore fruit for death.**
 - Here is what I want you to see is that the motions of sin or the passions and desires of sin was awakened and aroused up by the law.
 - According to scripture if I preach the law to you then I am actually not going to limit sin in your life I am going to stir it up and arouse it.
 - Preachers today think that by preaching judgment and condemnation like what was preached under the law and declaring the 10 commandments and the judgment for not meeting the 10 commandments that they are going to limit sin when really they will arouse it.

- It's the same idea as the kid that you tell not to do something and it makes them want to do it. You would've been better off to not have said anything because now their attention that wasn't on that thing is on that and the passions to do it is stirred up in them.
- Paul compares coming under grace and coming out from under the law as being remarried to a new husband.
 - A woman is bound to a husband and has to stay with a husband and produce fruit from that husband as long as he is alive.
 - But if he dies or if death separates them then she is no longer bound to him and can go marry another and be intimate with another and produce fruit by them.
 - So as long as you were alive in the flesh you were bound to the husband of the law and the fruit that you produced from the husband of the law was sin and death.
 - But through Jesus you have died in the flesh and you are no longer bound to the law and to produce fruit from the law. You are now alive in the spirit and remarried to Jesus and can produce righteousness from intimacy with Jesus.
- Here is the whole point
 - If I preach the law I am making you intimate with the law and I am sowing seeds of the law into you which is going to produce the fruit of sin.
 - Not to mention I am causing you to cheat on your new husband.
 - Spiritual adultery.
 - But if I preach Jesus to you and his blood and the finished works and grace then I am making you intimate with Jesus and sowing his seeds into you which is going to produce fruits of righteousness.
- **Romans 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.**
 - So now I don't serve God in the oldness of the letter or the law.
 - Meaning that I don't serve God by trying out of my flesh to perform according to the righteous standard of the law.
 - This is what it means to be married to the law and to be intimate with the law.
 - This only produces sin.
 - Now I serve in the newness of my spirit.
 - Now I serve God through my new born again spirit that I received through faith in the finished works of Jesus.

- Now I produce fruits of righteousness as I walk in the spirit and stay intimate with the spirit and allow my spirit to lead and guide me.
- **Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid.**
 - So Paul is not saying that the law is bad and evil and sinful and therefore it produces sin.
 - That's not the point of the law.
- **Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.**
 - The law laid out God's standard of righteousness.
 - The point of the law was to define what sin was and show us how far we were from God's standard of righteousness.
 - But it was never there to make us produce righteous fruit. It only made us produce sin.
- **Romans 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.**
- **Erv Romans 7:8 And sin found a way to use that command and make me want all kinds of things that weren't mine. So sin came to me because of the command. But without the law, sin has no power.**
 - So Paul is saying here that the commandments, the law produced in me all kinds of evil lusts
- **Romans 7:9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.**
- **Erv Romans 7:9 Before I knew the law, I was alive. But when I heard the law's command, sin began to live,**
 - This is pretty self explanatory that the law and the commands cause sin to come alive in us.
- The whole point of the law was not to make us righteous but to show us how sinful we were and how much we needed a savior and the grace of God. The law was meant to point us toward Jesus not make us righteous.
 - So the reason the law stirs up sin in us is because it makes us sin conscious.
 - Or in other words it makes us focus on our faults and short comings and causes us to see ourselves as sinners.
 - So If I preach the law to a born agains believer who is the righteousness of God through Jesus then I'm causing you to see yourself as something your not.
 - **1 Timothy 1:8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous**

man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,¹⁰ For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

- The law is for those that are lost so they can see that they have missed the mark and that they need a savior who died for their sins.
- **Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.**
 - So as a man thinketh so is he.
 - So If I preach the law to you and make you conscious of your sins and shortcomings then you are going to think you are a sinner and as a man thinketh so is he. So you will produce sin in your life.
 - But if I preach grace to you and that you are righteous through the finished works of Jesus and get you conscious of your new birth and your righteousness through that new birth. Then as a man thinketh so is he.
- **Hebrews 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.² For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.**
 - What did God want for the worshiper that he couldn't get through the blood of animals? What was his goal or ultimate desire for the worshiper?
 - That they would be made perfect or righteous and not have to be sin conscious anymore.
 - But the blood of animals couldn't do it because the blood of animals could pay for all of sin.
 - He wanted to get them to a place were they no longer had to focus on their short comings and see themselves as sinners but they could be perfect and see themselves as righteous.
- **Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**
 - So what the blood of animals couldn't do the blood of Jesus did.

- Because of the blood of Jesus I've been made righteous and I don't have to be sin conscious anymore. I can live conscious of my righteousness.
- So if I preach the law I'm working against the blood and I'm putting you back in a state of mind that the blood came to deliver you from.
- And If I make you conscious of your faults and make you see yourself as a sinner by the law you are going to produce sin
- But if I preach the blood and make you see yourself as righteous you will produce righteousness.