

GOD'S GRACE, OUR FLAWS

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob • Exodus 3:15

Part 2

ABRAHAM

***The grace of God is not an afterthought to accomplish what the Law couldn't.
In fact, the grace of God was given to humans even before
the Law came through Moses.***

Q1: How many of us have ever thought that God's plan of sending His Son to die in order for us to be reconciled to Him, came as a result of us not being able to obey the Law?

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Let's just read over a few of the scriptures from the video

GALATIANS 3:8 (ESV) The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the nations will be blessed in you."

GALATIANS 3:17 (NLT) "This is what I am trying to say: The agreement God made with Abraham could not be canceled 430 years later when God gave the law to Moses. God would be breaking his promise."

GALATIANS 3:24 (NLT) Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed. Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

Rules can only protect us, but only grace can bring about true transformation of our heart and mind, which results in obedient behavior (not the other way around). When we continue to chase a deeper relationship with God and run to Him, even after we've fallen, is when this process is in full motion.

The Law can only change our behavior, but God's Grace works on our hearts.

Q2: In what ways can we "continue to chase a deeper relationship with God"?

Read, Study and meditate on His Word, Pray, Give and receive support from other Christians.

Q3: Can you think of any situations where you have used rules or the law to motivate yourself?

Q4: Can you think of a time when God's grace motivated you to obedience?

Q5: Which of the two approaches from above was more joyful and transforming? Why?

Q6: The Gospel gives us the freedom to choose and the power to make right choices.
How does the Gospel give us the power to make the right choices?

ISAAC

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Q7: How did God communicate His grace to Isaac before he sinned?

GENESIS 26:3 (NLT) Live here as a foreigner in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. I hereby confirm that I will give all these lands to you and your descendants, just as I solemnly promised Abraham, your father. *So we see that God gave Isaac a provision of grace before he lied about his wife Rebekah being his sister.*

Q8: Why does God sometimes allow us to fall into our sin?

As **we cling to and believe in Christ Jesus**, what does the grace of God do?
Transforms us.

Our ongoing sinful patterns do not point to the inadequacy of God's grace for our sanctification. Rather, our sins tell us that we need to grow in enjoying and appropriating God's grace.

Q9: How do we "enjoy and appropriate" Grace?

Q10: Who is more committed to your transformation? You? or God?

Personal Reflection:

Thank God for His grace that goes beyond forgiveness.
Ask Him to transform your heart and empower you to overcome the things that hinder you from continuously growing closer to Him over time.