



This question can easily be solved by reading one verse in Romans chapter 6..., however, if it was just that easy, churches today would not be confusing their congregations regarding the area of Law and Grace. Most churches teach and practice a form of both (combined). This cannot be. Either we are under Law or we are under Grace. (I refer you to lesson #2 in this series- The New Covenant).

To better understand why we are under Grace and no longer under Law, we need to start at the beginning... Let's begin...

## I. THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

### A. The Law is for the lost.

**1. Romans 3:19-20** Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses and to bring the entire world into judgment before God. For no one can ever be made right in God's sight by doing what his law commands. For the more we know God's law, the clearer it becomes that we aren't obeying it.

**2. 1 Tim 1:6-10** But some teachers have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things (*Vs.5: love, clear conscience, faith*) and spend their time arguing and talking foolishness. They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but they don't know what they are talking about, even though they seem so confident. We know these laws are good when they are used as God intended. We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. But they were not made for people who do what is right. They are for people who are disobedient and rebellious, who are ungodly and sinful, who consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy, who murder their father or mother or other people. These laws are for people who are sexually immoral, for homosexuals and slave traders, for liars and oath breakers, and for those who do anything else that contradicts the right teaching that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God.

### B. The Law shows man his need for salvation.

**Galatians 3:19-25** Well then, is there a conflict between God's law and God's promises? Absolutely not! If the law

could have given us new life, we could have been made right with God by obeying it. But the Scriptures have declared that we are all prisoners of sin, so the only way to receive God's promise is to believe in Jesus Christ. Until faith in Christ was shown to us as the way of becoming right with God, we were guarded by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until we could put our faith in the coming Savior. Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian and teacher to lead us until Christ came. So now, through faith in Christ, we are made right with God. But now that faith in Christ has come, **we no longer need the law** as our guardian.

## II. WHAT THE LAW IS POWERLESS TO DO.

### A. The Law cannot make us righteous.

**Galatians 2:21** I am not one of those who treats the grace of God as meaningless. For if we could be saved by keeping the law, then there was no need for Christ to die.

### B. The Law cannot justify us.

**1. Galatians 2:16** And yet we know that we become right with God, not by doing what the law commands, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be accepted by God because of our faith in Christ -and not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be saved by obeying the law."

**2. Gal 3:11** Consequently, it is clear that no one can ever be right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

### C. The Law cannot give us life

**1. Rom 7:10** So the good law, which was supposed to show me the way of life, instead gave me the death penalty.

**2. Gal 3:21** Well then, is there a conflict between God's law and God's promises? Absolutely not! If the law could have given us new life, we could have been made right with God by obeying it.

### III. THE HOPELESSNESS OF LIFE UNDER THE LAW

#### A. The Law's standard is perfection.

1. **James 2:10** And the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as the person who has broken all of God's laws.

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2. **Matt 5:48** But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

#### B. The Law was amplified by Christ

1. **Matt 5:21-22** "You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'Do not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' But I say, if you are angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the high council. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.

2. **Matt 5:27-29** "You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart. So if your eye—even if it is your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away...



#### C. The Law stirs up sin

1. **Rom 7:5,8** When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced sinful deeds, resulting in death... :8 But sin took advantage of this law and aroused all

kinds of forbidden desires within me! If there were no law, **sin would not have that power.**

2. **1Cor 15:56** For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power.

3. **Col 2:20-23** You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the evil powers of this world. So why do you keep on following rules of the world, such as, "Don't handle, don't eat, don't touch." Such rules are mere human teaching about things that are gone as soon as we use them. These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, humility, and severe bodily discipline. But they have no effect when it comes to conquering a person's evil thoughts and desires.

#### D. The Law is based on man's effort

1. **Ex. 24:7** Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They all responded again, "We will do everything the Lord has commanded. We will obey."

2. **Rom 9:31-32** But the Jews, who tried so hard to get right with God by keeping the law, never succeeded. Why not? Because they were trying to get right with God by keeping the law and being good instead of by depending on faith. They stumbled over the great rock in their path.

#### E. The Law is a ministry of condemnation/death

1. **Gal 3:10** But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under the curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all these commands that are written in God's Book of the Law."

2. **2Cor 3:7-9** That old system of law etched in stone led to death, yet it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away. Shouldn't we expect far greater glory when the Holy Spirit is giving life? If the old covenant, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new covenant, which makes us right (*righteous*) with God!

## IV. CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW.

### A. Christ fulfilled the Law.

**1. Matthew 17-18** "Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them. I assure you, until heaven and earth disappear, even the smallest detail of God's law will remain until its purpose is achieved."

**2. Rom 10:4** For Christ [is the end of the Law, is the fulfillment of, is the culmination of, has accomplished the whole purpose of] the law. All who believe in him are made right with God.

### B. Christ redeemed us from under the Law.

**1. Gal 3:13-14** But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Through the work of Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, and we Christians receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

**2. Gal 4:4-5** But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons

### C. The Law has been fulfilled for us

**Rom. 8:3-4** The law of Moses could not save us, because of our sinful nature. But God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours, except that ours are sinful. God destroyed sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. **He did this so that the requirement of the law would be fully accomplished for us** who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

### D. We are NO LONGER under the Law

**1. Gal. 3:24-25** Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian and teacher to lead us until Christ came. So now, through faith in Christ, we are made right with God. But now

that faith in Christ has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

**2. Rom 6:14** Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law (*Present Tns, Indicative Mood*). Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.(NLT)

**(NKJV)** For sin shall not have dominion over you, for **you are not under law but under grace.**

**(NIV)** For sin shall no longer be your master, because **you are not under the law, but under grace.**

**(AMPL)** For sin will no longer be a master over you, since **you are not under Law [as slaves], but under [unmerited] grace [as recipients of God's favor and mercy].**

**3. Rom 7:1-6** Now, dear brothers and sisters-you who are familiar with the law-don't you know that the law applies only to a person who is still living? Let me illustrate. When a woman marries, the law binds her to her husband as long as he is alive. But if he dies, the laws of marriage no longer apply to her. So while her husband is alive, she would be committing adultery if she married another man. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law and does not commit adultery when she remarries.

So this is the point: The law no longer holds you in its power, because you died to its power when you died with Christ on the cross. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, you can produce good fruit, that is, good deeds for God.

When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced sinful deeds, resulting in death. But now we have been released from the law, for we died with Christ, and we are no longer captive to its power. Now we can really serve God, not in the old way by obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way, by the Spirit.

## V. YOU MUST NOT MIX LAW AND GRACE.

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1. **Matthew 9:17** And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. The old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine must be stored in new wineskins. That way both the wine and the wineskins are preserved.

2. **Rom 11:6** And if (since) they are saved by God's grace, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God's Grace would not be what it really is -free and undeserved.

### B. You MUST NOT MIX Law and Grace

1. **Gal 3:1-3** Oh, foolish Galatians! What magician has cast an evil spell on you? For you used to see the meaning of Jesus Christ's death as clearly as though I had shown you a signboard with a picture of Christ dying on the cross. Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by keeping the law? Of course not, for the Holy Spirit came upon you only after you believed the message you heard about Christ. Have you lost your senses? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?

2. **Gal 1:6-8** I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who in his love and mercy called you to share the eternal life he gives through Christ. You are already following a different way that pretends to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who twist and change the truth concerning Christ. Let God's curse fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other message than the one we told you about. Even if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed.

### C. You MUST NOT MIX Law and Grace

**Gal 5:2-4** Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on (fill in blank) circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ cannot help you. I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being (fill in blank) circumcised, you must obey all of the regulations in the whole law of Moses. For if

you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.

## VI. APPLICATION.

### A. God's Grace is Sufficient

1. **Titus 2:11-15** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

2. **2Cor 12:8-10** Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it *(thorn in the flesh)* away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. *(these take us to dependency)*

### B. By FAITH, we stand strong in the Grace of God.

1. **Rom 4:16** So that's why **faith is the key!** God's promise is given to us as a free gift. And we are certain to receive it, whether or not we follow Jewish customs, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. (cf. Gal. 5:1)

### C. We are led by the Spirit of God.

1. **Rom 8:14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

2. **Gal 5:18** But when you are directed by the Holy Spirit, you are no longer subject to the law.

3. **Gal. 5: 22-25** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who

belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

**“For through the law, I died to the law, so that I might live for God” (Gal. 2:19)**

**“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” (Gal. 5:1)**

Are You Willing to die to the law, so that...you can (embrace, enjoy, really live in, come alive to) the GRACE of God that is yours in Christ Jesus?

<b>LAW OF MOSES</b>	<b>GRACE OF JESUS</b>
Accused us of sin	Answered our sin
Bound us	Bestowed us
Condemned us	Cured us
Death	Deliverance
Evicted from God	Elevated to God
Framed us	Freed us
Gap revealed	Gift revealed
Hell very real	Heaven very sure
Impossible	Immanuel
Judgment	Justification
Killed	Kinsman Redeemer
Letter of the law	Letter of love
Methods	Messiah
Never saves	Never fails
Obligate us	Opens door for us
Past tense	Perfect tense
Quaking and fear	Quells my fears
Restricts	Releases
Stone tablets	Sanctified heart
Terror of God	Tenderness of God
Undeniable guilt	Undeniable grace
Vanity of vanities	Victory of victories
Washed by sacrifices	Washed by Savior
eXtravagant laws	eXtravagant love
Yesterday's way	Yes and Amen
Zealous for rituals	Zealous for God



