

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

Our Position in Christ Revealed

Lesson 8 - Grace and Law

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Law begins with the question “What must I do for God?”

For Salvation - also for sanctification

Grace begins with the question “What has God done?”

For Salvation - also for sanctification

System of the law

Romans 8:3 The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

System of Grace

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

Law Reveals sin

The law (God's Holy standard) showed us our sin. - Without the law, everyone does what is right in their own eyes.

Romans 5:20-21 God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Law begins with “If you... then I will...” The problem with that is that you cannot do the IF.

James 2:10 For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws.

Grace glorifies Christ

Just as we are Justified by grace, so we are also Sanctified by grace.

Justified

Grace begins with “I have... therefore you are...”

2 Corinthians 8:9 You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. (Position)

Sanctified

Grace begins with “I am... therefore you can...”

We love because He first loved us

We forgive because He has forgiven us

Our life is hidden with Him. His life is our new life.

Law focuses on man

Following the law does not justify you and it also does not sanctify you.

Following the law can produce some good works, but it will never make you righteous!

The law can produce some good works out of fear but it leads to bondage, never righteousness!

Sometimes the law produces rejection of God because His standard is too high to even try.

Result of Grace

True grace also produces good works. (Condition, sanctification)

Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

Under the law, how is blessing gained? If...then...

Under Grace, how are we blessed? Christ's work gave you blessing, not your work. 2 Pet 1:2-4. "Given every spiritual blessing...In CHRIST. You got every blessing the moment you got saved.

Confessing our sins

As a child of God, we are declared righteous, what happens when you are convicted of sin?

If you ask for God to forgive you for sin, what is He going to say? "I already have forgiven you."

We are to recognize our sin and repent of our sin, but forgiveness for your sin happened the moment you accepted Jesus as your savior. When you sin you need to recognize the sin and thank Him for covering that sin, with His blood that was shed on the cross!

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Our confession of sin will always result in forgiveness. Because He is faithful and He is just. In fact Christ's death on the cross already covered that sin before it was ever committed.

Positionally we are already declared clean, but in our experience it is good for us to confess our failures and sins because it causes us to turn back to God and realigns our minds with the holy standard of God

God stays faithful to us and never retracts His forgiveness.

We are under the covenant of GRACE

Law and grace are not compatible.

Galatians 3:10-13 But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God's Book of the Law." 11 So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law.

For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

12 This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life."

13 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."

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Your identity in Christ is fixed, but we must by faith take hold of it - believe it. How can I tell if I'm believing it??? I can check it with the fruit of my life. Am I living under the region and control of the Spirit or the flesh? Deeds of the Spirit or deeds of the flesh? Check with Galatians 5:16-26

Ephesians 4:17-24

Romans 6:15-19