

What's Law—What's Grace?

“According To The Word Of God”

1. “...*The whole world is guilty before God.* ²⁰*Therefore by the deeds (works—My addition) of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*” (Romans 3:19, 20). Paul is saying “We now know that sin is very dangerous. The law proves to us we must avoid sin at all costs—else we become slaves to sin.”
2. Under the Law, “...*But Noah found Grace in the eyes of the Lord.*” (Gen. 6:7-9). God's O.T. saints were blessed because they had faith in, and trusted their God. Sinning is not “good works”. There's *no such thing* as “good sin”. We must repent over sin while on earth, and not at the Judgment Seat of Christ at death. Sins cannot be burned (Hebrews 9:27).
3. “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*” (Romans 3:23). Yet, *Before* the Law, God judged Abraham according to his *faith*; for sin was judged for only that which God had already taught them. Sin was not *imputed* unto those who were already forgiven. (Psalm 32; Romans 4:7, 8). David was forgiven for his sin with Bathsheba and her husband's murder; and Abraham was not judged for lying to King Abimelech. Instead, He judged Abimelech harshly for his sin against Abraham and Sarah! (Genesis 20: 1-18).
4. *Under the Law*, the works that we do are dishonorable, fleshly; *under Grace* our works should be blessed by the Holy Spirit...good works unto Christ. (Mt. 5:18; 16:27; Ephesians 2:10).
5. Though some Christians' works are fleshly “Works Of the Law”, *under Grace* good works such as winning souls, praying, being used in “Helps” ministries, come *after* Justification (Eph. 2:10). Sins are neither good nor bad works when judgment is concerned. “*Good sins*” do not exist.
6. **Remember this:** Sins are “works of evil”, and must be forgiven by Christ Jesus *prior to our death—or rapture—on earth*. If we die in our sin, we will be judged accordingly. Sins cannot be burned up at the Judgment Seat of Christ. “²⁷*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:* ²⁸*So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*” (Hebrews 9:27, 28).
7. By the Law man *worked toward* his salvation; today our *works come after* salvation; for we will be judged *according to our works*. This teaching is thoroughly committed to in the New Testament. Sin cannot be burned up, but must be forgiven by Christ Jesus. (Mt.16:27; 2 Cor. 11:15).
8. Sin and bad works may cause Christians to miss the Rapture. Rising to meet Christ in the air is “conditional”. (see Luke 21:35, 36; and Revelation 3:9, 10).
9. Grace does not put sin fully away; The Law lays the weight of sin on men *who are under Grace*; for we *now* know what sin is, and how *to resist* sin. To do otherwise is to continue in the sin of the Law. Because the Law teaches us what sin is, there is *no excuse* for continuing in sin. “*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein*” (Romans 6:1, 2)? “*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*” (John 8:32).

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