

**TEXT:****GRACE CAME BY CHRIST**

JOHN 1:15 - 17

15 ¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and **GRACE** for **GRACE**.

17 For the **LAW** was given by **MOSES**, but **GRACE** and truth came by **JESUS CHRIST**.

**LAW vs. GRACE**

**(1) Grace is “the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man . . . not by Works of righteousness which we have done” (Tit. 3. 4, 5).**

TITUS 3:3 - 6

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by **WORKS** of righteousness which we have done, but according to his **MERCY** he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the **HOLY GHOST**;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

**It is therefore, constantly set in contrast to Law, under which God demands rigtousness from man, as, under Grace, he gives righteousness to man (Rom 3. 21, 22; 8. 4; Phil 3. 9).**

ROMANS 3:19 - 28

19 ¶ Now we know that what things soever the **LAW** saith, it saith to them who are under the **LAW**: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

20 Therefore by the **DEEDS** of the **LAW** there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the **LAW** is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God without the **LAW** is manifested, being witnessed by the **LAW** and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of **JESUS CHRIST** unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

24 Being justified freely by his **GRACE** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of **GOD**;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in **JESUS**.

27 **Where is boasting then? It is excluded.** By what **LAW**? of **WORKS**? Nay: but by the **LAW OF FAITH**.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by **FAITH** without the **DEEDS** of the **LAW**.

**ROMANS 8:3 - 4**

3 For what the **LAW** could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the **LAW** might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**PHILIPPIANS 3:4 - 14**

4 ¶ Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the **LAW**, blameless.

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 ¶ **And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the LAW**, but that which is through the **FAITH** of **CHRIST, the righteousness which is of GOD by FAITH**:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**Law is connected with Moses and Works; Grace with Christ and Faith**

(John 1. 17; Rom 10. 4-10).

**JOHN 1:17 (already read)**

17 For the **LAW** was given by **MOSES**, but **GRACE** and **TRUTH** came by **JESUS CHRIST**.

**ROMANS 10:4 - 11**

4 For **CHRIST** is the end of the **LAW** for righteousness to every one that believeth.

5 For **MOSES** describeth the righteousness which is of the **LAW**, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

## Law blesses the good; Grace saves the bad (Ex. 19. 5; Eph 2. 1-9).

### EXODUS 19:5

5 Now therefore, **if** ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, **then** ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

### EPHESIANS 2:1 - 9

1 ¶ And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;  
 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:  
 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.  
 4 ¶ But God, who is rich in **MERCY**, for his great love wherewith he loved us,  
 5 **Even when we were dead in sins**, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by **GRACE** ye are saved;)  
 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:  
 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his **GRACE** in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.  
 8 **For by GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God:**  
 9 **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

## Law demands that the blessing be earned; Grace is a free gift

(Deut. 28. 1-6; Eph. 2. 8; Rom. 4. 4, 5).

### DEUTERONOMY 28:1 - 6

1 ¶ And it shall come to pass, **if** thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:  
 2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, **if** thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.  
 3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.  
 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.  
 5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.  
 6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

### EPHESIANS 2:8 (already read)

8 **For by GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God:**

### ROMANS 10:4 - 5 (already read)

4 For **CHRIST** is the end of the **LAW** for righteousness to every one that believeth.  
 5 For **MOSES** describeth the righteousness which is of the **LAW**, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

## DISPENSATION OF GRACE

### (2) As a dispensation, Grace begins with the death and resurrection of Christ (Rom. 3. 24-26; 4. 24, 25).

#### ROMANS 3:24 - 26

- 24 Being justified freely by his **GRACE** through the redemption that is in **CHRIST JESUS**:  
 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through **FAITH** in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;  
 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

#### ROMANS 4:20 - 25

- 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in **FAITH**, giving glory to God;  
 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.  
 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.  
 23 ¶ Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;  
 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;  
 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

## The point of testing is no longer Legal Obedience as the Condition of Salvation, but Acceptance or Rejection of Christ, with Good Works as a Fruit of Salvation

(John 1. 12, 13; 3. 36; Mt. 21. 37; 22. 42; John 15. 22, 25; Heb. 1. 2; 1 John 5. 10-12).

#### JOHN 1:12 - 13

- 12 But as many as RECEIVED him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:  
 13 Which were **BORN**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

#### JOHN 3:36

- 36 He that BELIEVETH on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that BELIEVETH **not** the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

#### MATTHEW 21:27

- 27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

**MATTHEW 22:42** Saying, WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David.

#### JOHN 15:22 - 25

- 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.  
 23 He that **hateth** me **hateth** my Father also.  
 24 If I had not done among them the **works** which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and **hated** both me and my Father.  
 25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their **LAW**, **They hated me without a cause.**

**HEBREWS 1:2**

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

**I JOHN 5:10 - 12**

10 ¶ He that **BELIEVETH** on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that **BELIEVETH not** God hath made him a liar; because he **BELIEVETH not** the record that God gave of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 **He that HATH the Son HATH life; and he that HATH not the Son of God HATH not life.**

**The immediate result of this testing was the rejection of Christ by the Jews, and His crucifixion by Jew and Gentile (Acts 4. 27).**

**ACTS 4:27**

27 For of a truth against thy holy child **JESUS**, whom thou hast anointed, both **HEROD**, and **PONTIUS PILATE**, with the **GENTILES**, and the **PEOPLE OF ISRAEL**, were gathered together,

**The predicted end of the testing of man under Grace is the apostasy of the professing church, and the resultant apocalyptic judgments.**

(see "Apostasy," **2 Tim. 3. 1-8**, note)

**II TIMOTHY 3:1 - 8**

1 ¶ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 **For men shall** be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 **Traitors**, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: **men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the FAITH.**

**Apostasy, Summary:**

**Apostasy, "falling away," is the act of professed Christians who deliberately reject revealed truth.**

**Apostasy differs therefore from error concerning truth, which may be the result of ignorance, or heresy, which may be due to the snare of Satan, both which may consist with true faith.**

**The Apostate departs from the Faith, but not from the outward profession of Christianity.**

### (3) Grace has a twofold manifestation: in salvation (Rom. 3. 24, refs.),

ROMANS 3:24 Being justified freely by his GRACE through the redemption that is in CHRIST JESUS:

### and in the walk and service of the saved (Rom. 6. 15, refs.).

ROMANS 6:15 - 18

15 What then? **shall we sin, because we are not under the LAW, but under GRACE? GOD FORBID.**

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto [righteousness](#)?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of [righteousness](#).

**Note: The old relation to the Law and Sin, and the new relation to christ and life are illustrated by the effect of death upon servitude (Rom. 6. 16-23), and marriage (Rom. 7. 1-6).**

(1) The Old Servitude was nominally to the Law, but, since the Law had no delivering power, the real master continued to be Sin in the nature. The end was death. The Law could not give Life, and "Sin" (here personified by the Old Self) is in itself deathful. But death in another form, i.e. crucifixion with Christ, has intervened (Rom. 6. 6) to free the servant from his double bondage to Sin (Rom. 6. 6, 7), and to the Law (Rom. 7. 4, 6).

(2) This effect of death is further illustrated by widowhood. Death dissolves the marriage relation (Rom. 7. 1-3). As natural death frees a wife from the law of her husband, so crucifixion with Christ sets the believer free from the law.