

# Understanding Grace!

## Acts 15: 1-11

Just returned to Antioch (Paul and Barnabas ) and gave the report.

Certain men from Judea to Antioch and began to teach the believers that if the Gentiles wanted to be saved they would have to go through Circumcision. Vs 1

The heat was on... Paul and Barnabas confronted them and they had a heated exchange and then decided to go to Jerusalem and discuss this... Vs 2

They believed that the Gentiles would need to keep the Law of Moses in order to be saved.... rescued Vs 5

### **Peter responded (Vs 7)**

- God has offered Salvation to the Gentiles
- God has shown witness that he was in their salvation. Vs 9
- Why tempt ye God, by putting a yoke upon the neck of these disciple of God that our fathers nor we were able to bear? Vs 10
- But we believe...that through the Grace of the lord Jesus Christ ewe shall all be saved, even them... Vs 11
- Trouble them not, but instruct them that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. Vs 20
- How does this affect us?
- **We are still struggling over this conflict, Grace verses law:**
  1. Sabbath Day
  2. Communion
  3. Sin not

- **Those who are under not under Christ's blood are still under the law!**

**Acts 13: 39 We understand that the law never was meant to justify us.**

- The law was to teach us of our state of short coming...
- Law declares Righteousness and Unrighteousness to help us learn just how needy we are.
- The law brought us to Christ.
- The LAW declared Jesus Holiness!

Then we are made right by Jesus taking our punishment. Therefore when we are under grace, what does that mean?

It does not mean that we can sin that grace may abound...

Romans 5: 17-21

Romans 6: 1-3

Romans 7: 1 Law must die before Grace can live...

1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 6: 11-12

1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 10: 16-24

Gal. 3: 1—

**What does this mean? Questions:**

1. Is grace Free? No—Jesus paid dearly for it...
2. Is grace and law the same? No they are polar opposites. Grace fulfills... Grace does what the Law was never meant to do!
3. How should a new testament Christian act under grace that is different than those raised under law? They are still called to obey god!!!

We know that we are to please God, but their eternity doesn't depend on it. It is totally setting on the relationship to Christ, the cross and His blood sacrifice. Then what does the NT Christian need to do to go to heaven? Trust the Grace of Jesus!

Then when NT believers break the law, what does it do to their eternity? NOTHING as for as their destination, but a lot as for as their testimony, their effectiveness, their rewards, their relationship with Jesus, a lot as for as their relationship to the spirit. A lot as for as their favor!

1<sup>st</sup> Cor 6: 1- We die to self when we come to Jesus!

1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 10: 1-24