

# **The Most Misunderstood Gift Ever Given To Man!**

- 1. If Jesus did not purchase your forgiveness, you do not have it...**
- 2. Jesus plus anything but surrender and God's Spirit, you do not have it.**
- 3. Jesus plus anything on our part but surrender, we short change the suffering of Christ.**
- 4. Jesus plus anything, we do not understand Salvation.**
- 5. Jesus and grace, a license to ignore the truth of the Law, misunderstand.**
  - Missing heaven because you misuse the Blood of Jesus would be a shame.**
  - The Blood given to free us from the chains of sin, not to lose us so we could re-chain ourselves to the same sins.**

## **I. What is the price of abusing God's Grace?**

Acts 15: 1-

Romans 3: 1-3 (The Jews have the oracles of the law)

God by the law tells us that in vs 23: all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Being justified freely by His grace through redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Whom God hath set 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. To declare, I say the time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier by faith... without deeds of the law. Is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also of the Gentiles? Yes of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and the uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea we establish the law.

## **II. Understanding the real truth of Grace?**

Romans 6: 1-3

He explains that even thou we are saved by grace, we do not abuse the grace that has been made available to us, as he says, "How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer in it. Hence we have died when we joined ourselves to Christ...when he was crucified for us, we were crucified with Him, and when he was raised to walk in a new life, and we were also raised to walk in a new life."

### **III. Understanding Human Struggles even after we are in Christ!**

Romans Chapter 7

Paul explains his struggle with doing God's will after he is a believer in Christ Jesus but in Chapter 8: 1 he explains that even though he has this problem, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit."

Remember, Galatians 2: 17-21 .... What does the Law do? It reveals sin, in us!

### **IV. What Then?**

Galatians 6: 7-17 "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

#### **1. Do we understand where the Law ends and Grace begins?**

- Grace begins at our surrender to Jesus at the cross! When Grace begins, Law loses its powers of condemnation (Romans 8: 1/ Luke 2: 1) The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me...

#### **2. Does the Declaration of the Law lose its ability to reveal Holiness once Humans come to be in Christ?**

**No – It is still reveals truth, Holiness, Right living...**

#### **3. Are those in Christ Exempt from the law? No, we are exempt from the eternal consequences!**

- But Law does not lose its power of Revelation to man when grace enters. Law still declares the truth of God's will over our selfish will. Even after we are in Christ Jesus in Salvation the law is still the law. Our relationship to the law has changed but the law has not changed.
- It is still wrong to kill or steal... it is still wrong to bear false witness or dishonor our parents. The Sabbath day is still a day of rest and worship. The name of God still does not to be made unholy just because **we are in Christ.**

**Remember the 10 Commandments. Four point to our relationship to God and six point to how we need to treat other human beings.**

1. No other Gods
  2. Make no images to bow to them.
  3. Take not the name of the LORD in vain.
  4. Remember the Sabbath to keep it Holy.
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5. Honor thy Father and Mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

#### **4. Do these commands change because I am now in Christ by Grace?**

**No but my relationship to them has changed** because I am now in Christ. Romans 8: 1 *"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ...who walk after the spirit!"*

Yes, my relationship changes as far as the law is concerned... I am now in Christ! **I have already died!**

God has revealed my need in the law but God allowed His Son to take the punishment for my rebellion, against God. He took my punishment in the event of the arrest, trial, and execution. Therefore, when I embrace what He did for me and become (In Christ), God has judged me already; my rebellion was judged as Jesus died for me, my sins, etc. He has already been judged and punished for me. So he will not judge and punish me for my rebellion because I was on the cross when Jesus was on the cross. I have already been judged and killed for my sins, when I am in Christ, I was in Christ. **Jesus was me up there!**

Gal. 2: 20 *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

## **But we still have a problem!**

We still have to live in this world and so the commandments, as they do not judge us, to separation to condemn us, they are still in effect as far as what is right or wrong in this life. I will still be arrested if I steal!

Remember, the law showed us what is holy and the law showed us how to live in relation to God and man!

For the people in Christ, we in the ones in Christ, the issue of God and eternal judgment is behind us, but the issue of living life in the Spirit is still very challenging as well as the issue of living life among other humans. The good news is that now we have a Helper, a Comforter to help us in our relationship with God and with our relationships with mankind. The Spirit is now conforming us to the image of His dear Son. Therefore we have help and we are becoming like Him, and He was selfless... The Spirit's goal is to compel us to live like Jesus. We died with Him, now we are to live like Him!

## **But it is by our will now, not God's, God has already stated His will, now it is up to me with the Helper to choose to become like Him, selfless. And so is the Christian life:**

Eternal Judgment is behind us for our sin debt is concerned. This is why it is called the Gospel (Good News). We now have the ability not to be judged for our sins. We are now inhabited by the Holy Spirit and we are in Christ. Romans 6: 23 – The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 8: 1 – There is therefore now, no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus... who walk after the Spirit.

But Christians have 5 areas of concern, and our concern in these 5 areas declares a whole lot about how we will travel through this life and how we will enjoy the life to come; remember this is for those who are in Christ only... the rest are to be judged by the law!

### **Concern of the ones in Christ:**

1. The law declares how to live a healthy and long life!
2. The law declares how to live a Holy Life and receive God's favor!
3. The law shows the people in our area of influence that we have come to be in Christ! They are using the law to measure the realness of Christ Jesus in us!
4. We will all stand before the Judgment seat of Christ and give an account as to what we have done with the life Jesus purchased with His sacrifice!
5. We have a Spirit that has been given to us and we will either walk in harmony with Him or quench the Spirit. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5: 19 – "Quench not the Holy Spirit."

And remember these words:

John 14: 21 “He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him... if a man love me, he will keep my words: and my father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him”

**Questions:**

1. Are you in Christ?
2. Are you still under the Law and therefore you will be judged by your ability to keep the law?
3. Are you in obedience to Christ and His Commands because you desire His good pleasure?
4. Are you living your life in a way that you desire to influence others to come to Him?
5. How cherished are you now because you cherish the favor of the Father and the Father see how you cherish the life you have been given by the sacrifice of His Dear Son?
6. Do you know that someday soon, you will stand before the Son and the time to declare your love in hard situations are over?

After we come to be in Christ, We live for Him and not ourselves and in doing so, **we bring Him pleasure, we bring mankind the influence of God, we become the Favored with God.** We are the Temple of the Holy Spirit on earth and we will be the joy of Christ in Heaven.