

Grace or Law ~ Which is it?

Conclusion, Summary, (*1page*) followed by Biblical Sound Doctrine **Proof** c/w answers to **Difficult Texts**.
Wise Words: YOU have MUCH to LEARN and MUCH MUCH to UNLEARN.

Conclusion

LOVE	of Christ	is the Foundation of our FAITH .
OBEDIENCE	to Christ's Laws	is the Result of our LOVE of Christ.
RIGHTEOUSNESS	Christ declares	is ours When we are OBEDIENT .
GRACE	is Christ's Favour	Gift of eternal life for our OBEDIENCE to His LAW's & ZERO of man's TRADITIONS . (Mark 7:7)

Summary

1John 5:3 Christ Explains **LOVE**:
For ... **THIS** is the **LOVE** of God, ... that we **KEEP** His **Commandments**.
His (613) **Commandments** are **NOT** burdensome. (So **WHY** not keep them?)

Rom. 2:13 Christ Explains **OBEDIENCE**:
It is those who **OBEY** the **LAW** who will be declared **RIGHTEOUS**. (Have *Eternal Life*.)

Isa. 51:7 Christ Explains **RIGHTEOUSNESS**:
"Listen to Me, you who know **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, you people in whose **heart** is **My LAW**:"

Genesis 6:8 Christ Explains **GRACE**:
Noah found **GRACE** (**FAVOUR** ~ prior to the cross) in the eyes of the God.

John 1:17 Christ Explains **LAW**:
For the **LAW** was given through **MOSES**, (*God gave Moses the LAW; the first 5 books of the Bible*.)
GRACE and **TRUTH** came through Yahushuah Christ.

GRACE and **TRUTH** are **NOT** the **LAW**!
GRACE and **TRUTH** are **DIVINE ATTRIBUTES**.
GRACE and **TRUTH** symbolize, come from God, but are **NOT** His **LAW**.

Rom. 6:15 Christ Explains **SIN**:
Shall we **SIN**? (*Breaking the law*) **Certainly NOT**!
SIN leads to **death**, **OBEDIENCE** leads to **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

GRACE is the results of **OBEDIENCE** = the results of our **LOVE** for our Saviour. ^{Rom. 2:13}

The **LAW** is **DEAD**, has **no power**, **WITHOUT FAITH** in the only *gospel* Paul had; the **OLD TESTAMENT**.
The **PURPOSE** of the **LAW**, **since creation**, has always been to **point out SIN**, then to issue **JUDGEMENT**.

GRACE CITIZENSHIP

Who are YOU a CITIZEN of?

What makes you a Canadian, an American, an Englishman, etc.?

You **pledge allegiants** to that countries flag and to its **LAWS**.

Whatever **LAWS** you **OBEY YOU** are paying homage, reverence, worship, **SLAVE to the LAW maker**.

Rom. 6:15 Christ Explains ~ SLAVE:

What then? **Shall we SIN** because we are **NOT UNDER** the **LAW** but under **GRACE**?

CERTAINLY NOT! CERTAINLY NOT! CERTAINLY NOT!

Do **YOU** not know that to whom you present yourselves **SLAVE to OBEY**.

YOU are that one's **SLAVE** whom you **OBEY**, whether of **SIN** leading to **DEATH**, or of **OBEDIENCE** leading to **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. (*GRACE ~ Eternal Life*)

Anonymous ~ Author says it best:

*I would not work my soul to save,
For that my God hath done;
But I would work like any slave
For the love of God's dear Son.*

You may say:

"Nobody can keep the LAW, nobody is PERFECT so why try; this proves we are all under GRACE."

PERFECTION

PERFECT in the eyes of **God** is:

One who is **fully surrendered**, not

One who is totally obedient but

One who is **STRIVING** to be. *Ela 6.88*

Luke 13:24 Christ Commanded:

STRIVE (*YOU don't have to be PERFECT*) **to enter through the NARROW gate,**
for MANY, I say to you, will seek to enter and will NOT be able. (FEW SAVED)

GRACE and OBEDIENCE

That **Christ** was **OBEDIENT** to His **Father's LAWS**; **moral and dietary**, even unto the death of the cross is a **PLEDGE** of the **repenting sinner's** acceptance with the **Father**.

If there is **NO LAW** after the **Cross**,
Then there is **NO need for REPENTACNE**.

If there is **NO need for REPENTACNE**,
Then there is **NO need for the CROSS**.

The Great Controversy ~ LAW

(This is a **very brief** explanation.

For a detailed explanation c/w full Scriptures go to the Web Site:

www.Eternal-Life-Made-Easy.com Written Studies: Books: “The Last 1335 Days” Section 3 God’s Trail ~ **How Sin Started.**)

End of Sin events: the **End Time** events: to understand this it is **imperative** that we understand the **Beginning of Sin events.**

The great controversy has **always** been and **always will be** over the **LAW**’s of, **God or Satan.**
Whatever **LAW YOU** obey, **YOU** pay homage ~ reverence to the **LAW maker,** **God or Satan.**

Sin started in heaven (*Eze. 28; Rev. 9:12*) with Lucifer, later known as Satan, becoming **proud** and wanting to become a god, which is **the beginning of sin.**

Solution to End Sin

How can this **first conflict** be settled **without God's character being changed?** *1 John 4:16 God is Love.* Satan was acting like most **teenagers**, who think they know more than their father, wanting to be a god, by make his own rules and laws; disagreeing with God’s governing **love laws.**

If God had destroyed, killed or even disciplined Lucifer right then and there and eliminated sin, then all the rest of His family would **fear** Him. They would **obey** because of **fear** and not out of **love.** Do good earthly fathers and mothers want their children to **obey** out of **fear or love?** Out of love of course! God wants us to **obey** because we **trust** Him. Can **ANY** family, organization or government operate without **LAWS?** **NO!** **God’s Grace has LAWS too** and they started in Heaven with God giving **grace to Lucifer** and then on earth with Adam and Eve. **God’s Grace did NOT start at the CROSS.** **God’s Grace** has always been **conditional.**

Matt. 18:3 Christ said:

“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and **become as little children**, you will **never enter the kingdom of heaven.** Therefore whoever humbles himself as this **little child** is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

A little child has 100% **trust** in his earthly father. He **never worries** about food, money, clothes, shelter or anything! To have **Eternal Life**, “**to enter the kingdom of heaven,**” a person must have 100% **trust** in our Heavenly Father and **His Word**, His Scriptures.

Does a **little child** debate and rationalize with his father or mother about their laws? **No!** We shouldn’t either. Do **you** want to act like Lucifer, similar to most **teenagers**, and follow your own **sheep logic?**

Matt. 10:37 Christ Proclaims:

“Anyone who loves (and trusts) their father or mother more than me (my words, my truth, my Scriptures) is not worthy of me; (or the Eternal Life I have to offer) anyone who loves (and trusts) their son or daughter (or their church) more than me is not worthy of me.”(Not worthy of Eternal Life!)

Has God's Love Laws Ever Changed?

Matt. 5:17 **Christ Declares: OLD Testament Unchangeable**

“**DO NOT THINK** (Do NOT Question) that I have come to **ABOLISH** the **LAW** (Torah: first 5 books ~ **613 laws**) or the Prophets; (the rest of Scriptures) I have **NOT** come to **ABOLISH** them but to **fulfill** them. (Dan. 9:27: Christ the Lamb ~ Blood Laws, sacrificial ceremonial laws ~ pointing to and **FULFILL** at the **CROSS**)¹⁸⁾ For truly I tell you, **until heaven and earth disappear**, not the **SMALLEST** letter, not the **LEAST** stroke of a pen, will by any means **disappear from the LAW** until everything is accomplished.”

Scriptures Confirms:

Psa. 33:9 **For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.**

Mal. 3:6 **“For I am Yahuah, I do not change.”**

Psa. 89:34 **“My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.”**

Heb. 13:8 **Yahushuah the Messiah is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

Deut. 12:32 **“You shall not add to it nor take away from it.”**

NO ONE, not Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and especially Paul (where most of false doctrine, Satan's counterfeit laws come from by twisting his words) or any of the Old, New Testament or ANY so called Prophets **pasted or present can ever change, alter,** ^{Psalms 89:34} one word that are **direct quotes** from our Heavenly Father or our Saviour, nor **one jot or one tittle from the LAW, Torah** of God. ^{Matt 5:17}

God is

Genesis 21:33
Malachi 3:6
Matthew 5:48
Isaiah 5:16
1 John 3:3
1 John 4:8
Exodus 9:27
Deuteronomy 32:4
Deuteronomy 32:4
Luke 18:9
John 4:24

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Eternal
Unchangeable
Perfect
Holy
Pure
Love
Righteous
Truth
Just
Good
Spiritual

His Law is

Psalms 111:7, 8
Matthew 5:18
Psalm 19:7
Romans 7:17
Psalm 19:8
Roman 13:10
Psalm 19:9
Psalm 119:142
Romans 7:12
Romans 7:12
Romans 7:14

God's Love Laws can NEVER change because God's laws are His Character, His government.

Has God's Love Laws Ever Been Fulfilled?

Matt. 5:17 **The Lamb Fulfilled ~ Blood Laws:**

“I have **NOT** come to abolish them but to **fulfill** them.

Dan. 9:27 **“He shall bring an END to sacrifice and offering.” Blood laws only, NAILED to the Cross!**

Christ the Lamb ~ Blood Laws, sacrificial ceremonial laws ~ pointing to and **FULFILL** at the **CROSS**.

Not Under Law but Under Grace

This is where the **greater majority** of **error** occurs. The common argument is that:

“No one can keep the law and if we try, all our righteous efforts are like filthy rags; thus after Christ’s death we are **not under the law but under grace.**”

Isa. 64:6 All our **righteousness’s** are like filthy rags;
Rom. 6:14 You are **not under law but under grace.**

So we must first study what the **law** and **righteousness** are all about.

Rom. 2:13 It is those who **obey the law** who will be **declared righteous.** (*Eternal Life*)

Two Parts to the Law (Torah)

1. The **Letter** of the Law = the black ink on white paper = **Written Instruction’s**
2. The **Spirit** of the Law = the white paper = **Holy Spirit (Grace)**

Luke 13:24 **Christ Commanded:**

“**Strive** (*You don’t have to be perfect*) **to enter through the narrow gate,** (*Eternal Life*)
for many, will seek to enter and will not be able.” (*Few Saved*)

Christ knows that no one can keep **the letter** of the law; however **Christ Commanded** us to **Strive**⁷⁵ to keep the letter of the law. (**Strive**⁷⁵ *Strong’s = to fight, labour fervently, to compete for the prize;* which is **Eternal Life**) To have the **Spirit** of the Law, to receive **Eternal Life Grace**, your **motive** for **striving** to keep the letter of the Law **must** be the **Love of the Law Maker** which only comes from you fully surrendering your will to keep the commandments of your Saviour. **You can’t keep** the **commandments of MEN** that are **counterfeits to God’s Love Law’s** and **still receive Grace.** Only little children can enter heaven. ^{Matt. 18:3} A little child **strives** to walk, **do right, striving** to do what is **pleasing to his Father** but will always fall. Christ knows we will always fall but it’s the **striving to walk towards Him**, to do His will, follow His law’s, that **allows Him** to give us His **Eternal Life Saving Grace.** If we are **striving** to keep **man’s laws, in vain worship,** ^{Mark 7:7} Christ cannot give us His saving grace. The following proves **you need God’s Love Law’s to have Saving Grace.**

John 14:15 “**If** (*conditional*) **you love Me, keep My commandments.**”

²³ “**If** anyone loves Me, **he will keep My Word;** and My Father **will love him,** and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (*Eternal Life*)

²⁴ **He who does not love Me does not keep My words.**”

1John 3:22 Whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we **keep His commandments** and **do those things** that are **pleasing in His sight.**

Phi. 4:13 I can do **all things** (*keep His Commandments*) through Christ who strengthens me.

1John 2:3 Now by this we know that **we know Him,** (*only*) **if** (*conditional*) we **keep His commandments.**
⁴ He who says, “**I know Him,**” and **does not keep His commandments, is a liar,** and the **truth is not in him.**

Prov. 28:9 **God Loves You ... BUT: One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.**

Two Parts of Righteousness

1. Righteousness of the **grace** of the **blood of Christ** that covers our sins.
2. Righteousness of **striving** to keep His commandments.

You cannot keep the law only for salvation. Without love of your Heavenly Father and your Saviour, (*motive*) you will **not** have the **Spirit of the law** thus you will not be able even **strive** to keep the **letter of the law**. When you are **striving** to keep His Torah, then Christ accepts your **surrendered will offering** and forgives your sins and **you have Eternal Life here on earth**.

Who is Paul?

Since Paul was hand chosen by Christ ^{Acts 9:6}, and was a witness to the risen Christ, ^{Acts 1:21} it is **imperative** to know just who the Apostle Paul really was in order to **understand what he wrote**; because, **13** of the **27** books in the New Testament, Paul is credited with writing. From Paul's writings come the **difficult texts** that form the foundation of the **majority of today's churches false doctrine**.

Paul was qualified because he was very knowledgeable in the Old Testament. As a **Pharisee** ^{Acts 22:3} he had to **memorize a minimum of the first five books**, the **Torah**, of the OT. He was also **very zealous**, loved to expound upon His Father's **law, Torah, His instructions, His wedding vows**. Remember Paul only had the Old Testament to refer to and also remember that **80%** of the New Testament is **direct or indirect quotes** from the Old Testament; which, results in only approximately **4% of new instructions in the New Testament**.

Paul's Key Verses

Rom. 6:15 **Shall we sin?** (*Breaking the law*) **Certainly not!**
¹⁶ Sin leads to death, **obedience** leads to **righteousness**.
(*Grace leads to obedience; the results of our love for our Saviour.*)

Rom. 2:13 It is those who **obey the law** who will be **declared righteous**. (*Eternal Life*)

The **law** is **dead**, has **no power**, without **faith** in the only *gospel* Paul had; the **Old Testament**. The **purpose** of the **law**, **since creation**, has always been to **point out sin**, to issue judgement.

Acts 10:13 **Peter's Vision:** "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." ¹⁴ But Peter said, "Not so, God! For I have **never** eaten anything common or **unclean**." (*Dietary Laws kept after the Cross.*)

This was **ten years** after **Christ had died!** Peter had **never eaten unclean food** because he knew and practice the **dietary laws** as well as the **moral laws**, proving neither were ever nailed to the cross as the majority teach.

1 Cor. 16:8 **But I will tarry** at Ephesus **until Pentecost**.

Acts 20:6 **And we sailed away from Philippi** after the days of **Unleavened Bread**.

Paul tarried, stayed, because he wanted to keep the **Feast of Pentecost** with them. He sails away after the feast days of **Unleavened Bread**. The **Feasts** are **not** part of the **ceremonial laws** that were fulfilled at the cross; they are statutes and statutes are part of the **613 laws of Torah**; God's eternal law.

Paul kept ALL of the LAWS of Torah 10 years after the Cross. (*613 laws – Ceremonial laws*)

Law at the Second Coming

Rev. 12:17 Law at the Second Coming

The dragon was **enraged** with the woman, and he went to **make war** with the rest of her offspring, **who keep the commandments of God** (*None of Satan's Counterfeits*) and have the testimony of Christ.

Rev. 14:12 Law at the Second Coming

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those **who keep the commandments of God**.

Rev. 22:12 Law at the Second Coming

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” ¹⁴ Blessed are those who **do His commandments** that they may have the right to the **tree of life**, (*Eternal Life*) and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and **practices a lie**. (*Commandments and Traditions of Men*)

Matt. 22:14 Christ stated:

FEW SAVED

“For **many** are invited, but **few** are chosen.”

Matt.7:14 Christ Confirms:

Small is the gate and **narrow** the road that leads to (*eternal*) **life** and only a **few** find it.” **FEW SAVED**

2Thes. 2:10 Christ Explains:

They perish because they **refused to LOVE the TRUTH** and so be saved. For this reason **God sends** them a **powerful delusion** so that they will **believe the lie** and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. (*No Eternal Life*)

Eph. 5:6 Christ Warns:

Let no one deceive you with **empty words**, (*Sheep Logic ~ Man's opinion's; Words not from Scripture Isa. 8:20*) for because of such things **God's wrath** comes on **those who are disobedient**. ⁷ Therefore **do not be partners** with them. ⁸ For you were **once darkness**, but now you are light in God. **Live as children of LIGHT** ⁹ for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth ¹⁰ and **find out what pleases God**. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather **expose them**.

Hosea 4:6 God Declares:

“My people are **destroyed for lack of knowledge**. (*Lose Eternal Life*) Because you have **rejected knowledge**, I also will **reject you** from being priest for Me. Because you have **forgotten the law** of your God, I also will **forget your children**.”

HOW does CHRIST want us to LOVE Him?

1John 5:3 Christ Defines LOVE:

For ... **THIS is the LOVE of GOD**, ... that we **KEEP His commandments** and **His commandments are NOT burdensome**. (= *God states that it is Easy to have Eternal Life.*)

John 15:14 Christ Explains:

“**You are My friends IF** (*Conditional*) **you do whatever I command you**.”

Deut 12:28 God Commands:

“Do what is good and **right** in the **sight of God**. ³² You shall **not add** to it **nor take away** from it.”

Grace

Defined

Genesis 6:8 Noah found **GRACE** ^{H2580} in the eyes of the God.

GRACE **H2580** Hebrew חֵן *chên khane*
From **H2603**; *graciousness*, that is, subjectively (*kindness, favor*) or objectively (*beauty*): - **FAVOUR**, grace (-ious), pleasant, precious, [well-] favoured.

Eph. 2:8
For by **GRACE** ^{G5485} you have been saved through **FAITH**, ^{G4102}
and that not of yourselves; it is the **GIFT of God**, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

GRACE **G5485** Greek χάρις *charis khar'-ece*
From **G5463**; *graciousness* (as *gratifying*), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including *gratitude*): - acceptable, **FAVOUR**, gift, grace (-ious), joy liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

FAITH **G4102** Greek πίστις *pistis pis'-tis*
From **G3982**; *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; **MORAL CONVICTION** (of *religious* truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

John 1:17
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GRACE ^{G5485} and **TRUTH** came through Yahushuah Christ.

GRACE and **TRUTH** are NOT the **LAW**!

GRACE and **TRUTH** are **DIVINE ATTRIBUTES**.

These **divine attributes** were inherent in the system of revealed religion in OT times (see Ex. 34:6,7) but had, for practical purposes, been lost under a thick layer of **HUMAN TRADITION**.

The **CONTRAST** between “**LAW**” and “**GRACE**” is not so much a contrast between the system of religion in **OT** times, which looked forward to the coming Messiah, and that revealed by Christ (Heb. 1:1-2), as between the **PERVERTED interpretation** placed upon the revealed **GRACE** and **TRUTH** of God by the official exponents of the **LAW**, the Rabbis (Rom. 6:14, 15: Gal. 5:4), and the **TRUTH** as revealed through Christ.

By affirming that “**TRUTH**” comes through Christ, John identifies Him as the **REALITY** toward whom pointed **ALL OT** types and ceremonies, which were no more than a shadow of better things to come. Type met antitype in Christ (Col. 2:16, 17).

IN NO SENSE does John imply that the OT system was **FALSE** or in **ERROR**.

Difficult Seemly Contradictory Texts

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