

Has Grace superceded the law?

Subject: Ten Commandments
 Objective: To prove that grace has not lessened the importance of the moral law and to illustrate that grace does not exist apart from the Law.
 Main Text: Romans 6:12; 1 John 14:15

ATTENTION

ILLUSTRATION

The noted evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, was spending a day with a farmer in Pennsylvania. As he was taking a walk over the grounds, he noticed on the weather vane on top of the barn the inscription, "God is love." The evangelist asked the farmer why he put this statement on the weather vane. "Do you think," asked Moody, "That God's love is unchangeable as the wind?"

No answered the farmer, "I hold that God is love, no matter which way the wind blows."

APPLICATION

The Bible makes it clear that God's love is constant. It never changes. His loves is the same in the New Testament as in the Old Testament. God's love cannot be one thing in the old dispensation and another in the new dispensation. (Hebrews 13:8)

NEED

All Can Be Saved By Grace

- I. There could never be any grace except for love. Grace is love in action. (2 Corinthians 8:9; John 3:16-17)
- II. Grace is so special to God that He extends it to the whole world. (Titus 2:11)

PUNCH: If grace brings salvation and it has appeared to all men, then all men can be saved by grace, if they are willing to accept it.

- III. Is salvation by grace limited to a certain period of time or to certain class of men? NO!
 - a. Noah was a drunk but he found grace. (Genesis 6:8)
 - b. Moses a murderer found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (Exodus 33:17)
 - c. The thief on the cross received grace. (Luke 23:43)
 - d. Paul, who persecuted Christians, received grace. (1 Corinthians 15:10)

- e. And every person who will be saved will be saved by grace.
(Ephesians 2:8)

*Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount out poured
There where the blood of the lamb was spilt*

*Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse with in
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is grater than all our sins... HALLELJAH!*

SATISFACTION

- I. Some people teach that in the old dispensation, men were saved by keeping the law.
- II. In the new dispensation men are saved by grace.
- III. All who enter heaven will have but one reason for being there, and that reason will be the merits of Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12)
- IV. (Romans 4:6) In David's time men understood salvation by grace without the works of the law.

The law is not against grace and grace is not against the law

- I. The fact that one is saved by grace does not dispense with the law.
- II. Both came from the same person. God made the law and He extends grace.
- III. The wise man who ever lived gives counsel. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- IV. Under the new dispensation Paul declares, (1 Corinthians 7:19).
- V. In the Old dispensation David says, (Psalm 19:7)
- VI. No one can trample on the Law of God without grieving Christ; for the law of God is in the innermost sanctuary of His heart.
- VII. Jesus speaks, (Matthew 5:19)

What is Grace?

- I. Grace is unmerited favor
- II. When a person deserves to die and is given a pardon that is grace.

ILLUSTRATION

A Christian business man who was always active in the work of the Lord had a massive stroke. He was rushed to the hospital and because of quick reaction from his friends, he survived. No one was allowed to see him but his immediate relatives and his Pastor. As

soon as the Pastor entered his room, he lifted the hand that was not affected by the stroke and shouted, “When I get out my next sermon will be entitled ‘Saved by Grace’.”

APPLICATION

If you are alive today, it is because of the grace of God; if you can eat today, it is because of the grace of God. (GO ON) At the end of our pilgrimage here on earth, if we ever see God’s face it will be because of the grace of God. THANK YOU JESUS!

WHY WAS THE LAW GIVEN?

- I. The Law of God instructs us in our relationship with God and our interaction with our fellowmen. (Matthew 22:36-40)
- II. I show my Love to and for God by obeying the first four commandments. (State 1st 4 Commandments)
- III. The last six tell us how we should conduct ourselves in our reaction with our fellow human. (State last 6 Commandments)
- IV. In short, it is God’s instruction to us as to how men and women should live in order to obtain true happiness. (Psalm 1:1-3)

What the world’s famous preacher says about the Law of God.

- I. **Billy Graham**, “Another thing that has never changed is the Law of God-the Ten Commandments. They have remained in tact and God still requires obedience to them.”

VISUALIZATION

Christ and the Law and Grace

- I. It was not the Law that was nailed to the cross, it was Christ.
- II. He died no to do away with Law but with sin.
- III. When I accept Him as my Saviour the Law no longer condemns me. (Romans 6:14)
- IV. Does Grace give me license to break the Law? (Romans 6:15)
- V. Those saved by Grace do not obey God’s Law in order to be saved, but they now obey God’s Law because they LOVE Him for saving them. (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3)
- VI. 2000 plus years ago, He proved His love for you. He died in pain and agony.
 - a. The thorns
 - b. The blows
 - c. The weight of the cross
 - d. He fell three time
 - e. The nails
 - f. The planting of the cross

g. He yielded up the Ghost.

“If that isn’t love the ocean is dry, there are no stars in the sky sand the sparrow can’t fly;
If that isn’t love, then heaven’s a myth, there’s no feeling like this if that isn’t LOVE.

APPEAL

- I. Jesus makes possible the keeping of one and all the commandments in the lives of those who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. And thus we are saved by grace. It is only through Christ that we are able to keep the Commandments, and yet get the full benefit of keeping them, as if we did it ourselves.
- II. Christ does it all. We certainly are saved by Grace.
- III. God has promised that He will change the person who accepts His grace into his or her life by the power of the Holy Ghost. (Hebrews 10:16)

ILLUSTRATION: A Converted Criminal

A bank manager walked into a telephone booth to make an urgent call. He left the booth forgetting to take his wallet containing \$500. When he noticed it was missing, he turned pale. But he was thankful that the man who used the phone after him was an honest man and had not taken his money.

He did not know, however, that three weeks before the stranger who was so honest had been one of the leading robbers in America; that he spent the greater part of forty years in penitentiaries and had stolen both within and outside of the walls of the prison. His last prison sentence was for stealing \$20,000 within blocks of the phone booth. But he was converted. He had surrendered to Christ. And the hand which before this man had been converted could never resist stealing, was perfectly at rest with the \$500 within his reach.

APPLICATION

A new power was in control, not the old power of sin and theft but the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. With Christ in your heart (don’t have to steal, commit adultery) you can keep the Commandments.

1. Do you believe that keeping the Commandments is important to Jesus?
2. Do you believe that what is important to Jesus is important to you?
3. Do you believe that it is more important to do what Jesus says than what man says?