

Law or Grace? September 25, 2022

Romans 6:14, *“For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.”* What does this mean?

1. What do you think of yourself, of your personal worthiness and ability before God?

Luke 18:11-14, *“The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

1 Timothy 1:12-16, *“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. ¹⁶ Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.”*

2. What is your attitude toward God’s law?

Psalms 1:2, *“His delight is in the law of the Lord, and His law he meditates day and night.”*

Psalm 112:1, *“How blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.”*

Psalm 119:97, *“O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.”*

Romans 7:22, *“For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man.”*

3. What do you think of your own deeds or works? What is their value or function?

Ephesians 2:8-10, *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”*

4. What’s your whole approach to salvation?

5. What do you think of God Himself?