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DEDICATION

I dedicate "**G**od **R**econciles **A**ll **C**hrist **E**nters" to you, the reader. I also pray for the Spirit of God to grant you wisdom, knowledge and understanding, for Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This page is intentionally left blank.

NOTES

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Sir Isaac Newton and the Color Spectrum –"Newton set up a prism near his window, and projected a beautiful spectrum 22 feet onto the far wall. Further, to prove that the prism was not coloring the light, he refracted the light back together."

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LESSON 12: SAVED BY GRACE AND NOT BY LAW



Romans 6:14; For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Within many churches there exists much confusion about Law and Grace. Many believe we are saved by Grace and Grace alone. Others believe we are saved by Grace but must keep the Law to be saved.

We need understanding from the word of God regarding justice and law. How could the God of love give Moses the "Ten Commandments" which not one could keep? Then what was the purpose for the Law?

Webster's New World Dictionary defines:

Justice: the quality of being righteous; the quality of being right or correct; the use of authority and power to uphold what is right, just or lawful; the administration of law; the procedure of law.

Law: all the rules of conduct established and enforced by authority, legislation, or custom of a given community, state, or other group; the condition existing when obedience to

such rules is general – to establish law and order.

When Adam and Eve sinned, there was not anything written as to the Law. However, right is right and wrong is wrong! The Law of Moses was not able to save sinners, for all have sinned. It was to establish law and order among the children of God. The law was a tutor, a schoolmaster, a gauge or a standard by which mankind could understand how to love God and to love others.

Satan, the author and father of sin, made an accusation that Adam and Eve, whom God created, could not love God with all their heart, mind and strength and to love one another. Because Adam and Eve sinned, *Satan demanded justice be done according to the Law*. According to the word of God, the penalty for sin is death. In order for justice to be accomplished and the Law enforced, God would have had to destroy Adam and Eve. Satan and the angels who rejected God would also have to be destroyed. Satan has accused God of not enforcing the law and demanded justice must be done!

Yes! The Law must be enforced! But God's answer to Satan was: He would put enmity between Satan and the woman and between Satan's seed and the woman's seed; Satan would bruise the heel of the Son of God but the Son of God shall bruise Satan's head. This was God's plan of Salvation, to save mankind from the penalty of sin and still be able to fulfill justice according to the Law.

This is the answer to Satan, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to take on the form of man, in the flesh, to die for the sins of the world, thereby paying the penalty for sin and fulfilling the law.

When Jesus died on the cross, God's demand of justice was accomplished. The accusation of Satan has been answered. The most beautiful thing happened when Jesus, the Son of God, rose up from the grave. Jesus Christ, the Son of God bruised the head of Satan, the devil, the deceiver. Mankind has been restored, reconciled, united, made alive in Christ, in His Spirit, spiritually alive, connected to God, born again of God!

Satan has already been condemned to the hell of fire because he has already rejected God. Satan hates the children of God and wants them to be in the hell fire with Even today, as throughout the ages, Satan is still him. condemning the children of God by making them believe they are still under the law. Satan, the devil is constantly accusing mankind, tempting them to believe they are still under condemnation and bondage to the law. Satan tempts mankind to see themselves as sinners with the guilt and shame for their sins. Whenever one continues to see themselves with the shame and guilt of their sins, they do not believe what Jesus Christ accomplished for them at the cross and resurrection. Why do they continue to reject what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, already did to set them free? Because they do not believe that Jesus is the Christ, they do not believe they are born of God. Because they do not believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, they reject Him, just as Satan, the devil rejected God.

When Jesus comes, many will be sad to find, they put their faith and trust in the law, which could not save them from their sins. For by grace are ye saved, it is a gift and not of yourselves or by your own works. Love is of God, this is the gospel of Christ, God so loved the world; this is GRACE! We are saved by putting our faith and trust in believing Jesus is the Christ and that we are born of God.

Love, love, love that's all we hear! Does this mean we do not have to keep the Ten Commandments? Does this mean we do not have to worship God on the Sabbath, the seventh day, Saturday?

> Genesis 1:26, 27; God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

> John 4:24; God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

How can man who is flesh worship God who is a Spirit? Did God create Adam and Eve with a physical and spiritual body? Or did God create Adam and Eve with a physical body and a mind with the indwelling Spirit of God? Before Adam sinned, he separated himself from the indwelling Spirit of God and could no longer worship God in spirit and in truth. This is exactly the same way every one has sinned.

Is this the reason Jesus, the Son of God had to come as a man, in the flesh, to die for the sins of the world? Was this the "Plan of Salvation" to restore mankind with a helper, a comforter, the Holy Spirit, once again, born again to worship God in spirit and in truth?

The question we must ask, why do many believe in the law and not what God the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit accomplished at the cross and resurrection? The plan of salvation has been fulfilled. The penalty has been paid. The children of God are set free from under the condemnation of the law. Why does mankind continue to put themselves under condemnation and bondage by being under the law? Jesus demonstrated as a man in the flesh how He loved God with all of his heart, mind and strength and others. God's commandments reflect His character of love. His Law is righteous and holy.

Mankind could not keep the Ten Commandments. They had no righteousness within themselves, for all have sinned. Only through Jesus Christ were they made righteous, not of themselves but in Jesus Christ. Mankind shall be saved by faith, believing and confessing with their mouths, Jesus is the Christ, and they are born of God.

Romans 8:2; For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Law of Sin & Law of God

There seems to be confusion about the law of sin which the Apostle Paul is talking about which is contrary to the law of God.

The only law that existed before sin was the law of God. The law of God is righteous and holy. The law of God is a manifestation of His character. God is love! Mankind would be sheltered, kept safe, protected, remain "on the mark," by remaining in the law of love, the law of God.

After sin, a new law was given, the law of sin. This law of sin brought condemnation to the sinner, with the penalty of death. The penalty was not only one of the physical death but more importantly a separation from the love of God, a spiritual death.

God's law of love was a guide in which mankind had a tutor or school master to help them to abide, rest, surrender and to remain within the confines of the law of God.

Paul the Apostle is saying as long as we remain within the law of God we have no fear. But should we venture beyond the boundary of the law of God and break the law of love, we now place ourselves under another law, the law of sin.

Under the law of sin, mankind is condemned by the penalty of death, not just a physical death, but a spiritual death, a separation from the love of God. Being separated from God, one exists only in the flesh without the Spirit of God.

Remember sin is the absence of God. Sin is the absence of the love of God. Separated from the love of God, one is spiritually dead. Without the love of God, spiritually dead, one will sin. John 4:23 & 24; But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Mankind, without the Spirit of God, Jesus Christ, the Spirit and the Truth, will not be able to worship God with honor and glory.

Paul the Apostle in Galatians makes it clear that the law of God, the law of love, is contrary to the law of sin. In the flesh, mankind without the Spirit of God, can, and will, continually sin as was evident in the lives of those in the Old Testament, under the Old Covenant. Mankind lived under the law of sin. When Adam sinned, they were condemned under the law of sin, physically alive but spiritually dead.

In the New Testament, the New Covenant, mankind has a Savior in Jesus Christ. When Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected, mankind was set free from under the law of sin. Jesus, the Son of God, in the flesh, paid the penalty, being separated from God, separated from the love of God. Mankind has been reconciled, forgiven of their sins and born again in Jesus Christ, made spiritually alive. In the eyes of God, the Father, we are His children, redeemed, under the law of God, the law of love – GRACE.

Today, Satan has convinced many to believe they must keep the law as those in the Old Testament tried to keep the Ten Commandments. Many are demanding for justice to be done according to the law. They do not believe Jesus Christ, the Son of God, dying on the cross, already met the requirements of the law and justified sinners. They do not realize, like Satan, they reject the Son of God as their Lord and Savior. They do not believe they are saved by Grace and Grace alone. For only the God of love could provide such a wonderful gift through His Son Jesus, the gift of Grace.

God Reconciles All Christ Enters!

Galatians 5:18; But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

The Gospel of Grace

Galatians 5:16-18; This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Law and Grace Cannot Coexist

According to Scripture

Galatians 4:21-31; Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law. do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a (servant woman) bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born (according to) after the flesh: but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are (symbolic) an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from mount Si'-nai, which (gives birth) gendereth to bondage. which is A'-gar. For this A'-gar is mount Si'-nai in Arabia, and (corresponds) answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and (shout) cry, thou that (has no birth) travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she, which hath a husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born (according to) after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Genesis 21:9 & 10; And Sarah saw the son of Ha'-gar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking (scoffing, Lit. laughing). Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. Romans 13:8-14; Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not (murder) kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet, and if there be any other commandment, it is (summed up) briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Love (does no harm) worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

And that, knowing the time it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we (first believed) believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk (properly) honestly, as in the day; not in (revelry) rioting and drunkenness, not in (licentiousness) chambering and (lewdness) wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Christ Redeemed Us from Curse of the Law

According to Scripture

Galatians 3:10-14; For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is (declared righteous) justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live (by) in them. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, (having become) being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles (Lit. in Christ Jesus) through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Isaiah 32:15; Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Joel 2:28 & 29; And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions: And also upon the (my menservants) servants and upon (my maidservants) the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Messiah's Promise of Restoration

Isaiah 54:1-13: Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of (thy dwellings) thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt (expand) break forth on the right hand and on the left: and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles. and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou (disgraced) confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For thy Maker is thine husband: the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel: The God of the whole earth shall he be called. For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting (loving kindness) kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be (angry) wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee. O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair (colourful gems or antimony) colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy (pinnacles of rubies) windows of agates, and thy gates of (crystal) carbuncles, and all thy borders of (precious) pleasant stones. *And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children*. Romans 3:21-24; But now the righteousness of God (apart from) without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and (fall) come short of the glory of God; Being justified (without any cost) freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Law Given to Drive Us to Faith

Galatians 3:19-22; (What purpose) Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made: and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator (does not mediate for one onlu) is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? (Certainly not) God forbid: For if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath (confined) concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Believers Are Free From the Law

According to Scripture

Galatians 3:23-28; But before faith came, we were (guarded) kept under the law, (confined) shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our (tutor) schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be (declared righteous) justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a (tutor) schoolmaster. For ye are all the (Lit. sons) children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither (slave) bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Romans 6:3 & 4; (Or know) Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like (just) as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 10:9-13; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be (put to shame) ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 8:1-11; There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and (on account of) for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the (righteous requirement) righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh (set their minds on) do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit do mind the things of the Spirit.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also (give life to) quicken your mortal bodies (Or because of) by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Are you a Sinner or Saint?

Within each and every person is the mind of the flesh, which is the spirit of self, or "I," and will sin. In the self/flesh spirit, one does not have a choice to sin or not to sin, one will sin. In the "I" mind of flesh or spirit of self, one will reject God, the Father, Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit by not believing and will sin. You were born, created with this "I" mind of flesh or self spirit. You did nothing. It was a gift of God! You were not created to be a robot but a living, moving, thinking being, with the power of choice. Whenever, a person rejects the "Plan of Salvation," which was ordained before the creation of this world, he is rejecting Jesus, the Son of God, dying for his sins. By rejecting what God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit accomplished at the cross and resurrection, to remain in the "I" mind of self or the spirit of self, one chooses to be a sinner as Satan did. When Jesus comes, scripture states that this world and all who chose to be sinners will be destroyed. A sinner is one not saved, does not believe in Jesus Christ.

However, within each and every person is the mind of God, which is the Holy Spirit and will not sin. In the Spirit of God, mind of God, one does not have a choice to sin or not to sin, one is not able to sin. A person in the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit will believe in the "Plan of Salvation." Should man sin, God the Father, Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit conspired, before the world was created, that Jesus the Son of God would die for his sins. You were born, created with this mind of God, Spirit of God. You did nothing. It was a gift of God! You were created, born with intelligence, the ability to think, to comprehend, to make choices, to believe. By believing in the gospel of Jesus Christ, the power unto salvation, you are a saint. When Jesus comes, He will gather all His saints to dwell in the new heaven and new earth. where there will be no more pain, tears, sorrow but love, joy, and peace. A saint confesses with his mouth, Lord Jesus, and believes in his heart God raised Him from the dead.

By faith, everyone who believes Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who died and rose again will abide, remain, submit and rest in the Word of God. Connected to Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, one is made righteous and holy. In the love of God, being made righteous and holy, one abiding in Christ can come boldly to the throne of God and will never sin.

If everyone was righteous and holy as God created them to be, by loving God and others, there will never ever be sin. When Adam was created righteous and holy, the law of God existed, which is the law of love. Only after Adam sinned, there was a law of sin.

Those who decide to not abide, remain, submit and rest in Jesus Christ are not made righteous and holy. Because they remain in themselves, in the mind of flesh, they choose to be separated from Christ and find they are a sinner. As sinners, they come under the law of sin, which condemns them to the second death.

When Jesus comes again, after sin is forever destroyed, the only law that will exist will, once again, be the law of God, the law of love.

In conclusion, there are three different "Gospels of Salvation" which men teach and preach – the Gospel of the Law, the Gospel of Grace and a mixing of the Gospel of Law & Grace. Whichever gospel one believes, he will teach and preach.

The truth is there is only one gospel whereby we are saved.

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There is no "Me" or "I" in the gospel of grace. My salvation is entirely based upon what God, the Father, Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit already accomplished for me at the cross and resurrection.

> Romans 1:16, 17; For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.

Furthering Your Knowledge

Covenant: noun, God's promise to the human race.

Enmity: noun, deep-seated, often mutual hatred.

Grace: noun, the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.

Licentiousness: adjective, lacking moral discipline or ignoring legal restraint, having no regard for accepted rules or standards.

Salvation: noun, deliverance from the power or penalty of sin; redemption; the act of God's grace in delivering his people from bondage to sin and condemnation, transferring them to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Sin: noun, deliberate disobedience to the known will of God, the act of violating God's will.