



Grace And Only Grace

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Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ. **It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.** And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Grasp the statement:

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

If we do not grasp this statement, we cannot fully understand the Grace of God, the salvation through Jesus, and the curse of the Law! **We are saved by Grace! We live by Grace!** **This is Jesus is in us and empowering us to live like Jesus.** We cannot base our righteousness on doing good! The Law condemns and Grace gives Favor and Power! The Law nullifies the Grace, favor and power, of God.

We have to
Understand the law:

Galatians 2:19 (ESV)

For through the law I died to the law (the Law killed me), so that I might live to God.

We have to die to the Law to be empowered by God!
What is the issue and purpose of the Law?

The Law is good and reflects God's behavior.

Romans 7:12 (ESV)

So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

The Law is good yet it is strict, unforgiving, and impossible to keep.

James 2:10 (ESV)

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

The Law requires 100% obedience! You fail at one point you are declared guilty! With the Law it is 100% perfection or 100% failure!

The purpose of the Law is to reveal the perfection of God plus our imperfection and our need for a Savior.

Romans 3:19–20 (ESV)

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, **so that every mouth may be stopped**, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since **through the law comes knowledge of sin**.


The Law exposes we are sinful and condemned before God. The Law points out we need someone to intervene because of our failure to keep the law making us acceptable before God.

Jesus takes care of the Law!

Romans 10:4 (ESV)

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Jesus never did anything wrong. Jesus was perfect fulfilling all the Law. Then the Perfect Jesus died for our sins. Jesus died in our place as a substitute.

 **When we believe in Jesus we are forgiven and Jesus comes to live inside of us empowering us to live as God intended.**

Galatians 2:20a (ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ (my self will; my independent will). It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me (I just do what Christ tells me.).

Since Christ took our sin, the Law has no power to condemn us. It is like we were crucified with Jesus. The penalty was paid and we are cleansed to live for God. We do not follow the outward Law but the indwelling Christ. As we just read in Galatians 2:19 (ESV), “For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.” We accept Christ as Savior we give up our independent self-serving will. We become an avenue for Christ to flow through us into this world.

We died to self-will and Christ directs our affairs through the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 2:20b (ESV)

And the life I now live in the flesh “I live by faith” in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Faith – Hearing God and doing what HE says empowered by the Holy Spirit. Now we live by hearing God and doing what HE says. We are motivated and empowered by the one who loves us and died for us.

With this indescribable gift we have a responsibility to trust the power of Christ and not cling to laws and rules for our acceptance of God.

Galatians 2:21 (ESV)

I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Horrors upon horrors, I do not nullify the Grace of God!! Living the life of faith apart from the Law is central to Christianity and must be defended at all cost. Therefore we will not nullify the Grace of God - God forbid – because if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. If we claim the Law as evidence of our acceptance to God, we proclaim that Christ died for nothing. As previously stated in the book of Galatians, “Anathema!! Be eternally cursed!!” **Some would pervert this message saying, “I can do anything!”** However, seeing the love of God, the goodness of God, and the truth of God, we seek God and desire to obey HIM. Therefore as the Bible says, “We desire renew our minds by studying HIS Word and carry out HIS purpose.”



Therefore we make a willful, heart motivated decision for Jesus to carry out what HE says through the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's love for us motivates us and works a genuine love in our hearts based on a relationship motivated by the love of God.

Freedom through Grace and only Grace!

1 John 4:19 (ESV)

We love because he first loved us.

How did God love us?

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

God loved us first and we loved Him back!

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.