

*All born again Christians know Christ as Saviour.
Many Christians know Christ as Lord
Very few Christians know Christ as their LIFE!*

*Knowing
Christ
as Life*



Life Essentials

STEP 5

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Law

Vs

Grace

Romans 6:14 - "For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace."

Romans 7:6 – But now, having died to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

| Do | Says | Done |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Man does | <i>Emphasize What</i> | God Does |
| Flesh (Self-life) | <i>Lives Out of the</i> | Spirit (Christ-Life) |
| Man's Resources | <i>Draws On</i> | God's Resources |
| External Regulations, Rules, Standards | <i>Deals With</i> | Inner Heart Attitude |
| Ought To's, Should's, Have To's, Must's | <i>Primary Focus</i> | Want To's |
| Bondage, Duty, Obligation | <i>Creates</i> | Freedom |
| Outside - In | <i>Lives Life from the</i> | Inside - Out |
| Do... in order to be | <i>Declares</i> | You Are... Therefore You Do |
| Defeat, Guilt, Condemnation | <i>Produces</i> | Victory, Security, Acceptance |
| Try Harder, Work, Effort | <i>Operating Principle</i> | Receive, Trust, Abide, Rest |

LIFE ESSENTIALS

Lesson 5

LAW AND GRACE

We have been learning that the Christian Life is really the Life of _____.

Jesus living in us gives us a life of J____ P_____ R_____.

Try as we might, we cannot live the Christian life in our own _____.

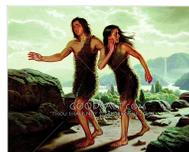
In this lesson we want to look at two ways of living.

Briefly stated they are **LAW** and **Grace**

Law and Grace, where do we get them?:
 The purpose of God's Law.
 What God's Law does when we try to live by it.
 What the Law brings.
 How grace satisfies the requirements of the Law.

When Adam and Eve decided to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they _____ and were separated from _____.

God calls this death.



In effect they had decided they would live out of their own ability (knowledge) to distinguish between _____ and _____.

Twice in Proverbs we find this quotation:

“The way that seems right unto a man, ends in death.”

And so until the time of Moses, all of Adam's descendants lived without clear direction from God as to how to live.

Then, God in His love for man, introduced the LAW system showing man His standard of living. He did this through a man called Moses.

“For the Law was given through Moses” John 1 : 17



So, God's Law was given to Moses and he brought it to the people.

Deut 6:24 "So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as {it is} today.

From this verse what is the purpose of God's Law . _____

Deut 6:25 " It will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe all this commandment before the LORD our God, just as He commanded us.

What conclusion did God's people come to when they heard the Law?

Was this the right conclusion? What do you think? _____.

What does God's Word say about this idea?

"And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment" Isaiah 64 :6

Righteousness produced by man's deeds are an offence to God.

God looks upon them as a _____ .

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2 :10

It is virtually impossible to keep the whole law to be acceptable to God.

"by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight:"

Romans 3 :20

This verse tells us that God's Law cannot _____ us _____

AND it is impossible to _____ AND He hates this way of us doing it.

"So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good." Romans 7 :12.

and Jesus said:

"until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished." Matthew 5 :18

Is the Law of God right and holy? _____

Is God's Law something to be taken lightly? _____

Can we ignore it? _____

Let's discover then what it is for.



".....having forgiven us all our transgressions, having cancelled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross." Colossians 2 : 13-14.

You believe that your sins and transgressions were nailed to the cross.

What else did Jesus take out of the way at the cross? _____

What is one short three letter word for that ? _____

Here is a short summary contrasting Law and Grace.



God's Law
**Tree of the Knowledge
of Good and Evil**

Flesh
Self Righteousness
Work, doubt, despair



God's Grace
Tree of Life

Spirit
God's Righteousness
Rest, hope, peace.

Suggested Prayer:

Thank you Father for bringing a new way of living to us through the Lord Jesus. Thank you that through my death with Christ, I have been set free from the Law system and have been placed under Grace through Jesus Christ. Thank you that I don't have to struggle anymore to bring pleasure to you. You are pleased when I put my faith in You to have Jesus live His live through me. Thank you for giving me the Holy Spirit to show me these rich benefits of grace in Jesus Christ.

ON YOUR OWN:

1. Read Romans chapter 6, 7, & 8. Watch for the verses that tell you that you are free from the law, and freedom from the power or law of sin.
2. Review the detailed comparison of Law and Grace on the last page of this lesson..
3. Memorize II Corinthians 5 : 21.

Our next session will be on **WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE OF ME ?**

Time _____ Place _____ Date _____

How did God make the transition from Law to Grace ?

The Law required a penalty. What was it? _____

“He (God) made Him (Christ) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

II Corinthians 5 :21

Though Jesus was totally righteous and had never committed any sin,

God made Him to be SIN by baptizing us into Christ.

Then God crucified, both His Son and us IN CHRIST.

Thus fulfilling the penalty of the Law.

Because Christ was obedient in doing this,

God raised both His Son and us in resurrection life,

Placing His Son in authority over all things,

And Making us righteous in Him.

“Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.” Romans 7 :4 & 6

Who died with Christ ? _____

What did you die in relation to? _____'s _____

Therefore you have been _____ from the _____.

It no longer applies to _____. Is that good news? _____

Instead of trying to obey the law, (the letter) what now motivates your service for God? Jesus Himself _____ me. (His Spirit)

“For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” Romans 6 :14

What masters over you if you live by the law? _____

But if you are not under law, what cannot master you.? _____

I have been set free from the _____ and from _____.

Is that good news? _____

We need to come to the New Testament to see,

1. THE PURPOSES OF GOD'S LAW (there are three)

(i) **“because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.”** Romans 3 :20

In this verse, what can the Law not do? _____

What can it do? _____

“Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said,

“YOU SHALL NOT COVET.” Romans 7 :7

What is this verse saying that the Law does? _____

“through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.”

Romans 7 :7

What does the commandment do here ? _____

CONCLUSION The first purpose of God's Law is to m_____ us aware or c_____ of _____ and show us how bad it is.

The law in this case, points to sin.



SIN

(II) the second purpose of God's law is similar but more personal.

“The Law came in so that the transgression would increase;”

Romans 5 :20

The Law increases / decreases the amount of sin. (Which one?)

“I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment

came, sin became alive and I died;" Romans 7: 9

"For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death." Romans 7 :5

Describe in your own words what the Law does to us. _____

What did Paul experience when he tried to live up to the law? _____

What is the penalty of the Law? _____

"For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."" Galatians 3 :10

How many laws must one keep ? _____

Can the Law bring life ? ____ What is the only thing it can bring? _____

If you can't keep one law, you have broken them all. Yes ____ No ____

CONCLUSION The second purpose of God's Law is to show us that we are exceedingly _____, that sin _____ in us, and that it is impossible / possible for us to measure _____ to it.

It does nothing to help us, only to _____ us.

This time, the Law points at you.

And you find yourself sinful to the core.
Shows you that you cannot measure up to God's Law.



It is impossible !

(iii) The third purpose of God's law is liberating:

"But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.

Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith."

Before we came to Christ, God gave us His Law to show us our need.

What do these verses call the Law? A _____ A _____

Before we came to faith in Christ, what looked after us? _____

The law was our _____.

The school teacher taught us what _____ was.

The school teacher taught us that we

were _____.

and that we needed someone better than us

to make us r _____.

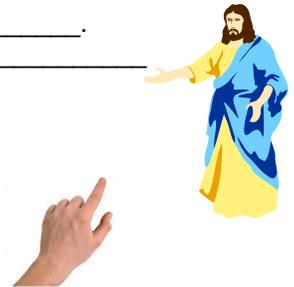
Who did the school teacher really point us to? _____

"For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin,

He condemned sin in the flesh,

so that the requirement of the Law

might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." Romans 8 :3-4



Now that's a real package of truth, let's unpack it.

What could the Law not do? _____

Because with our flesh, (our own resources) _____ could not keep the ____.

So, God sent Who? His Son the L _____ J _____.

as an offering for sin, He c _____ sin ____ us, so that He

could live His Life in _____, to do what we _____ not do.

Now Christ living in us, as we walk in the _____ fulfills all the requirements of the _____.

When Jesus came, He fulfilled the Law and introduced a whole new system of living, called Grace. We learn about grace and how it works in Romans and the rest of the NEW TESTAMENT.

"For the Law was given through Moses, Grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ John 1 :17