

YOU ARE NOT UNDER LAW, BUT UNDER GRACE.

Grace is a wonderful word conveying beautiful thoughts. Paul wrote, *“For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace. What then, shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?”* (Rom. 6:14-15).

Let us consider three things here:

1. When Paul mentions law here, he is referring to the Law of Moses. Paul is saying, “You are not under the Law of Moses, you are under grace.” The reference to the Law of Moses in this way is common in Paul’s epistles.
2. We are under a law –the law of Christ (I Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2). Christ’s law states we are under grace. Christ’s law states we are saved through His death, burial and resurrection if we believe and obey Him. (Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 10:35)
3. Grace means unmerited Divine favor. God offers it to all mankind. (I Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9).

We cannot earn our salvation (Eph. 2:8-9). Grace should encourage us to serve in a more committed way (Rom. 6:1-23). Thank God we are under Grace!

—Rick Laing

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting”.

Psalm 139:23-24

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 7:00pm - Bible Study

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NO TECHNICALITIES...

In the world we live in, a person can be found guilty or innocent despite the truth. Prosecutors look for any angle to convict while defense attorneys look for any loophole to help their clients “get off.” Many times, only the victim, the accused and God know what the truth is. Where does that leave the bystanders and jurors? They must look at all of the facts and evidence presented by both sides and try to make an honest and reasoned conclusion for their own conscience sake. I’ve seen the time that the bystander and juror never felt 100% certain about the outcome.

This will not happen on the Day of Judgment. Everyone will know the good and bad as there will be nothing hidden. (I Corinthians 4:5) *“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.”* (Hebrews 4:13) *“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”*

There are many other scriptures that show that there will be full disclosure and a fair hearing on the Day of Judgment. Does that mean we aren’t to make an assessment at times? No. We do the best we can in an honest and fair fashion. (I Thessalonians 5:21) *“Test all things; hold fast what is good.”* Think about what the Lord said in Revelation 2:2, *“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars.”* The Lord commended the brethren who tested people and their actions and words. That isn’t un-Christian. It is just prudent behavior.

We must always be fair in our assessments. Sometimes they must be made. Nevertheless, no matter what conclusions we reach, we can take comfort that one day the most righteous Judge will mete out justice. There will be no slick defense attorney or unfair prosecutor. The guilty will be prosecuted. The faithful will be rewarded. Now it is up to us to make sure that we are on the right side of the Judgment.

—Chris Moore

Wednesday July 14, 2010

FOR THE RECORD

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HOSPITAL

Willie Jean (Bill) White, Man. Medical, Rm. 121.
Polly Hoover, URM, Rm. 107.
Shelba Miller, St. Thomas.

AT HOME

Dessie Taylor, Fairy Johnson, Kenneth Poff,
Sally Owens, David Browning, Joyce Finchum
Barbara Wright, Joe Sims.

READ NEW TESTAMENT THRU:

Barbara Kinslow,

CARE TEAM MEETING

Wayne & Barbara Rigney’s Care Team #2 will meet for breakfast, Saturday, July 17th @ 8:30am @ Emma’s.

FOUND

Two sets of keys have been found in the church building. One set is for a Chrysler product and the other set is for a Ford product. If they are yours, please call the church office.

Also, a pair of reading glasses was found in the fellowship hall.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Cora Simmons, whose visitation was Wednesday July 14th, 6:00-8:00pm and her funeral is at 1:00pm Thursday at the Coffee County Funeral Chapel.

PANTRY ITEMS

Tuna, Cereal, Detergent (small).

BAPTISM

Our hearts were made to rejoice over the baptism of Tereisa Adams on Thursday, July 8th. She lives at Kingwood Arms, #217. F9/30. We welcome her into the family of God.

MEN TO SERVE

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. JULY 18:

9:00AM

Song Leader: Mahlon Crosslin
First Prayer: Carl Russell
Scripture: Tim Brown
Closing Prayer: Charles Willmore

6:00PM

Song Leader: Mahlon Crosslin
First Prayer: Michael Broadrick
Scripture: Tim Brown
Closing Prayer: Winfred Duke

A.M. “We Shall Be Like Him” (I Cor. 15:35-45)
P.M.: “Diotrphes—Demetrius” (III John 1-8)

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. JULY 18:

Chris Jeffrey & Davis Green

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. JULY 18:

Terry Hollins & Patsy Sims

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. JULY 21:

Devotional: Carl Sims
Announcements: Adam Willmore
Opening Prayer: Wayne Rigney
Closing Prayer: Tim Green
Song Leader: Michael Broadrick

Remember to notify David Sullivan if you are not able to serve at your appointed time.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE MEMORIAL

A donation has been made to **Know Your Bible** in memory of Charles Casper by Mr. & Mrs. Billy Freeze.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (7/7-7/13)	962
Requests For Personal Contact.....	2
Students served.....	385

STUDENT COMMENTS

I love these studies and answering the questions. I get so excited every time I get a new one. (Townsville, NC)

I have enjoyed all of the lessons. It made me do some research, held my attention, and made me study more. Thank you for the clarity when I didn’t understand. (Baltimore, MD)

I thank God for these studies. It’s always a joy to study the Bible and share with others. God bless you all. (Tampa, FL)

HOW SALVATION IS ACHIEVED

Can you imagine a more important question? Even for those of us who are confident in our salvation, here are three aspects of the answer we must never forget.

First, consider where salvation is NOT achieved.

The Psalmist wrote, Do not trust in princes, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation (Psa. 146:3). There is no salvation in mortal man. If you depend upon any person for your hope of salvation, your hope dies when that person dies. No matter how good a person is, no matter how much a person loves you; every good and loving person is mortal. Don’t think your parents’ will save you. You will not be saved by holding to the coattail of their religion. To depend upon a mere mortal for salvation is like climbing aboard a sinking ship to keep from drowning. No man can offer a sustained foundation. It’s not within the power of any person to save another. Some men might offer inspiration and example for a while, but even that is not guaranteed because only God, according to Psalm 146:6, “*keeps faith forever.*”

Second, salvation is only achieved in Jesus.

In Luke 2, a short while after the birth of Jesus, the lovely story is told of

Mary and Joseph bringing their new baby to Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord according to the Law of Moses. While in the temple a man named Simeon comes, led by the Holy Spirit, because it was revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. When Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus meet him, Simeon takes the baby into his arms and says, “*Now Lord, you are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word.*” (In other words, “Lord you have fulfilled your promise to me, now I can die”). He says, “*for my eyes have seen Your salvation*” (Luke 2:29, 30).

Picture this! He looks at the baby Jesus and prays. “*My eyes have seen Your salvation.*” Jesus is our salvation personified! Jesus is the living, breathing hope of humanity, in human flesh! Do you hear the message? If I had an actual picture of Jesus and I held it up before you today, I could say, “*Behold, your salvation!*” This is why Peter, standing before a gathering of first century rulers, elders and scribes of the Jews, said, “*And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12).

Third, while no mortal man can save and Jesus is only the potential of salvation, the reality of salvation will not be achieved until we obey.

Listen to Hebrews 5:9, “*And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.*” This source, or “author” of eternal salvation is Jesus. But, He is this source only to those who obey Him. Therefore when Paul writes in Philippians 2:12 that we have to “*work out our salvation, with fear and trembling.*” he is referring to the reverence and seriousness we must devote to obeying Jesus. —*Floyd Kaiser*