



The Balance: Law & Grace Part 3

In *The Balance: Law & Grace Part 2*, I taught a general understanding of why God gave the Law and the role it plays in the New Covenant. Know that God does not speak Law and Grace; He is not bilingual. The Spirit of God only speaks one language – Grace. And where Grace is spoken, Christ is unveiled. Whereas where Law is spoken, death is unveiled; therefore, Christ is cluttered.

A commentary by a respected man of God on Law and Grace says the following:

- “Most of them (ministers of Christ) make a mangle-mangle, and serve out deadly potions to the people, often containing but one ounce of gospel to one pound of Law, whereas, but even a grain of law is enough to spoil the whole thing. It must be gospel and gospel only.” – **Charles Spurgeon**

Learning to stand fast in the Gospel of Grace will keep you from being entangled again with the Law – the deadly potion.

-Are you against the Law of God?

I am not against the Law of God. I am not an antinomian. I have the uttermost respect for it. There is nothing wrong with the Law itself. In fact, I am for the Law for the reason God gave the Law. It was a straight jacket or a guard that bound the Jews until the way of faith was revealed in Christ. Understand that God used the Law as a forerunner for the coming of Christ as a man. He was born under the Law that He might fulfill the Law and ratify His sinless humanity.

What I am against is undermining Grace by trying to elevate the Law above it because when Grace is undermined, the Gospel becomes unprofitable and Christ will be of no benefit. The Grace of God gets absorbed into an ideology of compliance in which it is perceived as just a safety net when the Law cannot be attained – Fully wanting to walk under the Law but using Grace as a crutch.

Consequently, when you undermine Grace, you will also undermine the Law because it concludes that the standards are achievable, the claims are reachable, and the demands are doable. In other words, the Law becomes undermined by trying to make the Law attainable.

Yet, one cannot pick just a few commands that best suites them and attain righteousness, sanctification, wisdom nor redemption by a customary standard. (The gentiles chose their own standard yet they were no better than the Jew.)

Matthew 5:18

I tell you, as long as heaven and earth last, not one small mark or part of a word will pass away of the Law of Moses until it has all been fulfilled.

The Old Testament has more than 600 laws without counting the commands in the Old Testament and the impossibilities set by Jesus in the Gospels. For example, “If you call anybody a ‘fool’ you will be in danger of hell fire” and “if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away” and “you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Jesus wasn’t exaggerating. In fact, one cannot leave not one iota or period undone. His purpose was so the Law would be viewed as an inflexible whole instead of being softened into helpful tips or prescriptions for right living. The Law is so inflexible that if any of these are broken, they will be guilty of not just the one broken commandment but of all the Law.

Matthew 5:17

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Understanding the inflexible picture of the Law will correct your belief and convince you of only the beautifulness of Grace. Then you will see that Grace becomes absolutely indispensable because the Law is absolutely inflexible.

The good news Jesus fulfilled the Law as you; therefore the Law has been met in you, not through you. This means that as you walk in grace, you will fulfill the Law by accident than you ever did on purpose. So, when you have a high regard for Grace, you will have a high regard for the Law because it is saying that Jesus was the only one who could fulfill it on your behalf, thus receiving the pristine eternal righteousness of God that Christ offers as a gift.

If this statement is true:

- A righteous accountant does not rip up the invoice but meet its claims and file it away.

Then we can conclude this one is also true:

- Jesus did not come to do away with the Law but to meet its claims and fulfill it.

To the believer in Christ, the Law is no longer alive but met. Because the invoice has been paid, it is correct to file away. The invoice is no longer open but settled. Should you fail to understand and continue to send your payment even though the invoice is no longer open, to your perception it would still be pending and demanding a payment. Because you wrongly believe that it is not a settled issue, your heart and your mind will continue to feel the effects of having an outstanding bill. But that does not mean the invoice is open. It has already been filed away in heaven.

In short, it is undeniably Grace and Grace alone. Grace is above the Law. Now, undisputable, you have someone greater than the Law; not to judge or set another standard but to reveal the heart of the Father towards you. May the Lord continue to develop the Art of Discernment in you that you may understand and experience the Gospel of Grace time and time again and see nothing but Jesus the Christ.

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