

# “GRACE”

(Rom. 3:24)

*“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”* Rom. 3:24. In this passage Paul is stating there is *“grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus;”* so all that is involved in salvation through Christ **has to do with the grace of God!** We are told by many religionists: *“We are not saved by law but grace.”* This thought is worthy of our consideration.

In Tit. 2:11-12 we find, *“11 For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world.”* In these passages it is stated the **“grace of God instructs us.”** In I Pet. 5:12 there is another thought concerning **“grace,”** *“By Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I account him, I have written unto you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God: stand ye fast therein.”* In this passage the **“grace of God”** is that which is **written!** We are encouraged to **“stand fast therein,”** this, if you please, is to stand in the **Word of God.** The “Grace” is that which was **written**, and that which was written was the **word of God** - the New Testament. The “grace” that was **written** and wherein we **stand**, is the grace that was given *“through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”*

When I hear or read of people saying, *“The New Testament is not under law; but rather grace,”* I become alarmed. The first thing I think of is Rom. 8:2, *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death.”* Here is a **law** that made me free from the “law of sin and of death,” – “The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.” We are **justified by the blood** of Christ, Rom. 5:9 and that is associated with the *“Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ.”* We are justified by the **blood of Christ**, Rom. 5:9 we are justified by the **“Law of Faith,”** Rom. 3:27; we are justified by his **“grace,”** Rom. 3:24. All of this has to do with the *“Law of Faith,”* Rom. 3:27, or the “Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, Rom. 8:2-3. The Law of the New Testament is spoken of as: **“The Law of Faith,”** Rom. 3:24; **“The Law of Christ,”** Gal. 6:2; **“The Perfect Law of Liberty,”** Jas. 1:25; **“The Royal Law,”** Jas. 2:8; **“Law of Liberty,”** Jas. 2:12 and **“The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus,”** Rom. 8:2-3. This is just a sample of the times in the New Testament that Law is mentioned in connection with the New Testament, **God’s written word** or **“grace.”**

**“Grace”** and **“Faith”** are mentioned together in Eph. 2:8: *“For by grace have you been saved through faith.”* Grace is God’s part in man’s salvation and faith is man’s part in his salvation. God has given us the scheme of redemption, the crucifixion of Christ, wherein is the blood of Christ, has written and instructed us – all of this is the **“grace of God!”** This is **God’s Law!** Man responds to that Law by **obeying** it and this is referred to as **“the faith of man.”** God provided the plan and man is obedient to that plan or that Law.

*Jesus died that a “covenant” might come into existence, Heb. 9:16-17; yet, Paul speaks of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant, Heb. 8:8.* This is a quote from Jer. 31:31. The Old Covenant was the **“Law of Moses”** and the New Covenant is **“The Law of Christ,”** Gal. 6:2. The word Covenant carries with it the meaning of a Law.

The difference in the **Law of Moses** and the **Law of Christ** is primarily: The “blood of animals bulls and goats could not take away sin,” **but the blood of Jesus Christ could.** The death of Christ, his shed blood is associated with the **“Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus,”** Rom. 8:2. What the Law of Moses could not do the “Law of Christ” did with the sacrifice of Christ and his blood – “Made me free from the law of sin and of death,” Rom. 8:2. . This system is also referred to as “God’s Grace,” Rom. 3:24; it was written and it instructs us concerning life, Tit. 2:11-12.

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