

Are You Under Law or Grace?

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Grace is more than God's loving disposition coming toward us. It is God Himself coming to us in a personal way in His Son Jesus Christ to meet us at the point of our need. The law tries to change us from the "outside in." Grace comes into us through the person of Jesus. It's not external! It's internal! God changes us from "inside out!" Take time to look at these 5 statements to determine if you are living "Under Grace" or "Under Law." For we have this amazing grace in this "new life" in the Spirit, as we live the truth out each day!

Statement 1: If you feel you must be doing something to be accepted with God, you are under the law.

- ✓ We all fall short of the glory of God. ([Rom 3:23](#)) We by ourselves could never do anything to please God!
- ✓ When Jesus died on the cross you were already accepted! ([Rom 5:8](#))
- ✓ You do not understand the Gospel at all if you feel like you must be doing something to be accepted by God. ([Eph 2:8-9](#))
- ✓ Now because we are accepted by God we want to do something for Him! ([2 Cor 5:9](#))

Statement 2: If you are striving in any way to establish your own sense of worth, you are under the law.

- ✓ The sooner you die to yourself the better off you will be. ([Gal 2:20](#))
- ✓ Our worth is in the One who died on the cross for you and nothing else. That is our value. ([1 Peter 2:9](#))
- ✓ The God of the universe died on the cross 2000 years ago that you might be saved. That's amazing grace! It's Christ in you the hope of glory! ([Col 1:27](#))

Statement 3: If you feel inferior, unacceptable, or unworthy before God or man, you are under the law.

- ✓ If it's about you then you're on the wrong path. It's all about Him and what He does in our life. ([Col 3:11](#))
- ✓ To be under grace means that you're alright, you're under God's favor. ([Eph 2:10](#))

Statement 4: If after confession of sin you still go on putting yourself down and feeling guilty with the need to do penance of any nature, you are under the law.

- ✓ It's either Jesus's sacrifice was enough or it's not and you have to choose. Do we live this out? ([Heb 9:14](#); [Heb 10:10](#))
- ✓ He cleanses us from all wickedness. He brings total forgiveness. ([1 John 1:9](#))

Statement 5: Therefore, if you are harsh or hard on other people placing them under great demand, you are under the law.

- ✓ It's amazing, people want grace for themselves but law for everyone else. ([Rom 6:14](#))
- ✓ Grace is all about what Jesus did for us! There is a debt that you owe that you could never pay for. Jesus paid this debt which He didn't owe! ([Col 2:13-14](#))
- ✓ Either Jesus is a sham and it doesn't matter or what He did on the cross matters. We have to decide that we believe that. ([Heb 9:12](#); [Heb 9:24](#))
- ✓ God so outrageously loves you! We live in a world that's very ungracious, but we need to be gracious! ([1 John 4:7-8](#))
- ✓ Grace & Truth work together. We have to have grace to live the truth out! ([John 1:14,17](#))