

CONTRAST OF GRACE AND LAW JOHN 1:17

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

- GALATIANS 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster **to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**

LAW	GRACE
The law prohibits	Grace invites and gives
The law condemns the sinner	Grace redeems the sinner.
The law says DO	Grace says IT IS DONE.
The law says, Continue to be holy	Grace says, It is finished.
The law curses	Grace blesses
The law slays the sinner	Grace makes the sinner alive.
The law shuts every mouth before God	Grace opens the mouth to praise God.
The law condemns the best man	Grace saves the worst man.
The law says, pay what you owe	Grace says, I freely forgive you all.
The law says "the wages of sin is death"	Grace says, "the gift of God is eternal life."
The law says, "the soul that sins shall die"	Grace says, Believe and live.
The law reveals sin	Grace atones for sin.
By the law is the knowledge of sin	By grace is redemption from sin.
The law was given by Moses	Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
The law demands obedience	Grace bestows and gives power to obey.
The law was written on stone	Grace is written on the tables of the heart.
The law was done away in Christ	Grace abides forever.
The law puts us under bondage	Grace sets us in the liberty of the sons of God.

CONTRASTS IN GALATIANS (From Irving Jensen & Merrill Unger)

CHAPTER	THE LOWER	THE HIGHER
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1-2	Lost in Adam all die Physically in Adam Another Gospel (false) Man's Reasoning	Saved in Christ all live Spiritually in Christ The Genuine Gospel God's Revelation
3-4	Law Works curse of death Condemnation by Works Servants in Bondage (Defeat) Old Covenant (Symbolized by Hagar)	Grace Faith blessing of life Justification by Faith Sons in Freedom (Victory) New Covenant (Symbolized by Sarah)
5-6	Living in the Flesh Works of the Flesh Falling from grace World or self object of glorying	Walking by the Spirit Fruit of the Spirit Standing Firm in Grace The Cross the sole object of glorying

THOUGHT - There are only two "religions" in the world - One seeks to impress God with man's deeds and the other calls for men to renounce such pretensions (that they can gain God's favor and earn His righteousness through their human works) and cast themselves by grace through faith on God's gift of righteousness in Christ alone. One "religion" (regardless of the name) teaches one can work their way to God -- this is true in some form of EVERY other "religion" in the world (no exceptions)!

True "religion" teaches Jesus has accomplished the work of redemption, having paid the redemption price in full ([Jn 19:30+](#), "It is Finished" = [tetelestai](#)) and now to be saved one must believe in His finished work. **So let me ask you dear reader** - Do you believe you are saved by **believing** or by **achieving**? Are you counting on your **human accomplishments** or believing in **His accomplishment** on the Cross? Your answer will make all the difference in this life and the one to come in eternity. Don't be deceived! Don't delay! **Believe** ([aorist imperative](#) = Do this now! Don't delay! It is urgent!) in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." ([Acts 16:31+](#))

De Haan says "Today the problem of the Galatians is still with us, in spite of the clear teaching of the Word of God. Men are made to believe they must DO something to be saved. Man adds to salvation by grace, religion, good works, church membership, ordinances, and the works of the law. But the Bible says: "But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness." ([Ro 4:5+](#)). ([Studies in Galatians](#))

LAW AND GRACE			
THE FUNCTION		THE EFFECT	
OF LAW	OF GRACE	OF LAW	OF GRACE
Based on works Gal 3:10	Based on faith Gal 3:11,12	Works put us under curse Gal 3:10	Justifies us by faith Gal 3:3, 24
Our Guardian Gal 3:23, 4:2	Centered in Christ Gal 3:24	Keeps us for Faith Gal 3:23	Christ lives in us Gal 2:20

Our Tutor Gal 3:24	Our Certificate of Freedom Gal 4:30 , 31	Brings us to Christ Gal 3:24	Adopts us as sons and heirs Gal 4:7
<p>The Law functions to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declare our guilt 2. Drive us to Christ 3. Direct us in a life of obedience <p>But is powerless to save</p> <p>**Source: Believer's Study Bible - W A Criswell</p>			

Oliver Greene - Law and Grace

1. Under Law there was a dividing veil ([Exodus 26:33](#)) - Grace brought a rent veil ([Hebrews 10:19-22](#)).
2. Law blots out the sinner ([Exodus 32:33](#)) - Grace blots out the sinner's sin ([Colossians 2:14](#)).
3. The Law curses the offender ([Galatians 3:10](#)) - Grace covers the offender ([Romans 4:7](#)).
4. The Law cries out, "Do - and live!" ([Deuteronomy 8:1](#)) - Grace cries out, "It is done! It is finished! Receive Jesus and live!" ([John 19:30](#); [John 1:12](#)).
5. The Law cries out, "Every mouth... stopped." ([Romans 3:19](#)) - Grace invites, "Every mouth opened." "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus" ([Romans 10:9](#)). "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord" ([Romans 10:13](#)).
6. The Law showed favor to the good ([Proverbs 12:2](#)) - The grace of GOD shows mercy and favor to the bad, the ungodly ([Ephesians 2:1-6](#)).
7. The Law was graven upon stone . . . outward ([II Corinthians 3:3](#)) - Grace is graven on the heart . . . inward . . . CHRIST in you ([Colossians 1:27](#); [Colossians 3:3](#); [II Corinthians 3:3](#)).
8. The Law says, "He added no more" ([Deuteronomy 5:22](#)) - Grace assures us, "Hath... spoken... by His Son" ([Hebrews 1:2](#)).
9. Law is inexorable in its demand ([Joshua 7:25](#)) - The grace of GOD is inspirational in its blessing ([II Corinthians 5:17](#)).
10. The Law brings judgment ([Romans 5:18](#)) - Grace brings justification ([Romans 3:24](#)).
11. Law cries out, "Keep the Commandments - all of them, in every minute detail" ([James 2:10](#)) - Grace assures us we are kept by the power of GOD ([I Peter 1:5](#)).
12. The Law demands love ([Deuteronomy 6:5](#)) - The grace of GOD exhibits love ([John 3:16](#)).
13. The Law moves the sinner to sin ([Romans 7:8](#)) - The grace of GOD removes sin from the sinner ([Matthew 1:21](#)).
14. According to the Law, nearness to GOD is impossible ([Exodus 20:21](#)) - In Grace, nearness to GOD is guaranteed ([Ephesians 2:13](#)).
15. The Law demands obedience - or no blessing ([Deuteronomy 28:1-2](#)) - Grace brings obedience because of the blessing ([I John 4:19](#)).
16. The Law cries out, "Stone the prodigal" ([Deuteronomy 21:20-21](#)) - Grace cries out, "Put the best robe on the prodigal . . . kill the fatted calf! Let us feast and be merry!" ([Luke 15:20-23](#)).
17. Law brings death ([Deuteronomy 21:22-23](#)) - Grace gives to us the quietness and assurance of peace ([Romans 5:1](#)).
18. The Law retaliates ([Exodus 21:24](#)) - The grace of GOD redeems ([Galatians 3:13](#)).
19. The Law demands sanctification ([Leviticus 11:44](#)) - Grace bestows sanctification ([I Corinthians 1:30](#)).
20. Because of the Law, three thousand were slain ([Exodus 32:28](#)) - Because of the grace of GOD, three thousand were saved ([Acts 2:41](#)).

21. The Law is unsatisfying to the conscience ([Hebrews 10:1-2](#)) - The grace of GOD is unfailing in its forgiveness and remedy for sin ([Hebrews 9:12-14](#); [Hebrews 10:10-14](#)).
22. The Law is the voice of consternation ([Hebrews 12:18-21](#)) - The grace of GOD is the voice of covenant, blessing, peace and assurance ([Hebrews 12:22-24](#)).
23. When the Law was given, Moses' face shown, and the people feared ([Exodus 34:30](#)) - Grace brought by JESUS CHRIST attracted the people to the face of JESUS ([Mark 9:15](#)).
24. The Law was a yoke of burdensome weight ([Galatians 5:1](#)) - Grace is to be in the yoke with JESUS, which makes the yoke easy and the burden light ([Matthew 11:29-30](#)).
25. The Law produced zeal ([Romans 10:1-2](#)), but no salvation ([Philippians 3:6](#); [Romans 10:1-8](#)) - Grace imparts zeal, and brings joy unspeakable and full of glory because we are saved ([Titus 2:14](#); [1 Peter 1:8](#)).