

Grace & Mercy (Part 2)

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Romans 6:14 *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

The law is an overbearing and system meant to judge based on what you do.

That's not bad, it's necessary to show us who we are and who God is. Cf. **Galatians 3:24** *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

You cannot get closer to God than what your understanding of Him is.

- Under grace – Cf. **Ephesians 3:1** “*stewardship of grace*”
Grace is unmerited (undeserving/unearned) goodness of God.

Romans 11:6 *But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.*

If it's a gift it's not earned. Do you believe you got saved because you earned it?

Romans 3:23-26

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

With this gift you are justified, meaning God's justice has set you free because He condemned his Son.

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

This free gift that justifies gives us eternal life too.

Luke 18:18-19

18 And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 19 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

*Cf. **Mathew 7:11** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*

*As a parent your responsibility is to lead your children in an understanding of God. Better yet, lead them into a relationship God, so God can reveal himself to them fully who he is.

God's grace is unmerited and unearned justification and eternal life, displaying the goodness of God.