

Grace & Mercy (Part 3)

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Romans 5:19-21

19 For as by the one man's (Adam) disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's (Jesus) obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If you teach law, you will continue fall short of God's standard and live in sin?

Let me prove it:

Isaiah 55:9 *With God, his ways are higher...*

If you want to receive—you give.

If you want to lead—get humble.

If you want to live—you die.

Romans 6:1-8

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Galatians 2:16-21

21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

The law can't empower you and produce fruit.

I'm not saying the law is bad, God gave it to point us to Him, but the only way you are going to produce fruit through a relationship with Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:56 *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.*

The more you say don't don't don't, the more you do do do. Because the law can't help you.

Think on all of the examples of Israel and the law. They are meant to show us we can't do it without Jesus...but we still get confused.

God character is grace—He is good and desires good for us.

He desires us to live free from the law and for his grace to reign in our life. This is where my justification, righteousness, and eternity is experienced.