

Walking in Grace: Part 3
Grace: Free From the Law
Galatians 3:2-3

Review: Self-Effort is the Essence of LEGALISM.

Legalism-gaining God's acceptance through strict adherence to the rules.

Law vs. Grace...

- **The Law is focused on _____, Grace leads us to a _____.**
- **The Law says "you must, you ought", Grace says "I want to!"**
- **The Law is fueled by _____, Grace is motivated by _____.**

For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. Romans 7:5-6 NIV

The Law is a ministry of death and condemnation...we needed a new law!!

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! 2 Corinthians 3:7-9 NIV

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.

By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the one who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence. And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. 2 Peter 1:3-4 NIV (Slide 9)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, Romans 8:1 NIV

The Christian Life...

1. **doesn't revolve around _____ but is grounded in _____.**
2. **is focused on the _____ not the _____ of religious activities.**

I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? Galatians 3:2-3 NIV

**Key thought: Godly Behavior is the consequence of the life of Jesus _____
_____ us-not the result of dedicated effort.**

How well have you done with your life of self-effort? Are you frustrated?

Are you ready to surrender and let Christ work through you?