



Video # 5 – “The Law of Grace” OVERWHELMED BY GRACE SERIES

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Study Verses for this Lesson

Matthew 5:17-19

Teaching about the Law

¹⁷ “Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. ¹⁹ So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

James 1:23-25 (NLT)

²³ For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don’t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

Romans 7:7 (NLT)

God’s Law Reveals Our Sin

⁷ Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, “You must not covet.”

Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to guide my feet, and a light for my path.

Matthew 23:27-28 (NLT)

²⁷“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people’s bones and all sorts of impurity. ²⁸Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

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Video Notes – Pastor Morris Teaching

- What is the purpose of the Law?
- Matthew 5:17
 - I came to fulfill the law and not destroy it
 - (When we get saved it's as if God placed them deep within our hearts, a new heart and new desire to want to do the right thing -bfc)
 - You break one law, you have broken ALL of them
 - Law is NOT bad-It is good
 - Law is not going to pass away
- Four purposes of the Law
 - **1. Master – Galatians 3:24**
 - The Law WAS our tutor, **to bring us to Christ**, that we might be justified by faith, but after faith has come, we are no longer under the tutor, master, schoolteacher.
- Story about Pastor John – 18 years prior his salvation
 - For 18 years the law was his teacher
 - Legalistic upbringing
 - Visualize – teacher walking around with a ruler popping him on the hand
 - For 18 years what did the law do for John?
 - “You CAN’T keep these laws, you’re a bad person”
 - This happened to John until he came to the place where he said: “I can’t do this anymore”.
 - He accepted GRACE – Jesus and died to the bondage of Law
 - **Jesus shows up! Grace showed up!**
 - The Law is still saying: “You can’t do this!”
 - The Law is also saying: “You need Jesus”

- What does the law say “after” John got saved?
 - “You need Jesus”
 - “You need Jesus pal and some more than others”

➤ **The Law is a Teacher!**

- Robert shares the story about the teacher who came around the students popping them on the hand with ruler.
- Let’s say, you heard about another class, and the teacher was kind, encouraging, caring and paid attention to each of the students and gave them all “A’s”.
 - What class would you want to join?
 - You would want to change your classes and teacher!

Transfer - THAT’S SALVATION

- Jesus will kneel beside our desk and explain everything to us. GRACE
- You don’t have to relate to a list (Law) now you can relate to the person JESUS.
- **2. The Law is a Mirror – He shares James verses**
- It reflects the “moral standard of God
 - Be a doer, not a hearer of the word-you will be blessed
 - The Law of Liberty
- Example: Is stealing right or wrong?
- Why do we know it is wrong?
 - The Law tells us so.
 - Romans 7:7 – I would not have known covetousness was wrong unless the Law said, “Don’t steal, Don’t covet”
- The Law reflects the boundaries of Gods desires
- It does not reflect the boundaries of Gods Unconditional Love
 - **NO boundaries – Limitless Love and Grace!**
- Example:
- A grown son living out of wedlock- we know this is sin
 - But we still love him
 - Love is unconditional
 - God’s love doesn’t change
 - We are His Sons and Daughters -we are not hired servants

➤ 3. The Law is a Map

- Psalms 119:105 – Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
 - Maps show us the way to go – Wisdom and Safety
 - **As long as I read the Word-I will know how and where to go in life.**
 - God never intended us to have to choose between right and wrong.
 - When God created Adam and Eve, He put 2 trees in the garden
 - The 2nd tree was called “The Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil” right and wrong.
 - God said if we eat of that tree we die, it was the tree of death, so you could say.
 - The other tree-The Tree of Life – is what God wanted Adam and Eve to eat from
 - A lot of believers still eating from the tree of good and evil=Law
 - We are extremely legalistic people.
 - Right-Wrong-Right-Wrong-Right-Wrong

➤ 4. The Law is a Measure

- *It helps us understand the right way*
- *It helps us measure our progress*
 - The Law is a measure for us, it was not intended for us to measure up to someone else, that is where we get into trouble
- Pharisees added 640 Laws to the 10 commandments! (Man’s add-ons)
- The Law reflects the boundaries of Gods desires
 - It does not reflect the boundaries of His Love (this was worth repeating – Gods Word repeats Himself all throughout the Bible)
 - The church is constantly adding things

- **The Law is NOT a machete**
 - Hack, hack, hack, hack, hack
 - You drink
 - You smoke
 - You dance
 - You don't wear your hair right
 - You go bowling
 - You don't believe in the gifts of the Spirit
 - Etc, etc, etc, etc. "What do you say", Jesus will ask?
 - Notice, Jesus NEVER contradicted the Law
 - Jesus says; "Whoever you are without sin, you cast the first stone".
 - "Does anyone condemn you" He asks the woman?
 - "Neither Do I" – GRACE – "Go and sin no more".
- Illustration:
 - The Ethic classroom story – Pastor Clark
- The Law is a test God doesn't grade for believers
- According to the Bible, In the Law, if you miss ONE, you miss them ALL
 - GRACE, GRACE, GRACE
 - My Son (Jesus) took the TEST and He scored a Perfect Score and if you like you can have His Grade.
 - GRACE!
- Which Grade do you want?
- Your grade=Fail-Death
- Gods grade=Grace-Eternal Life