

Righteousness - By Faith, Not By Law

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Acts 10:34-35 “Then Peter said: In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.”

There's a state of being **required** for someone to receive true Christian Salvation and to remain in the ark of Salvation. I'm trying to describe that **required** state of being. Yes, true Christian Salvation is really not based on our works but I'm trying to describe the **required** state of being for Salvation and for abiding in the ark of Salvation which never stops producing repentance and good works. Here are some of the characteristics of that state of being: **Acknowledgment of Need for God's Sacrifice/Payment; Painful Honesty; Trembling at the Word of God.**

Some Evangelicals (e.g., *The Berean Call*) teach Unconditional Security, therefore they make statements such as the following concerning Evangelicals who are now following Pope Francis and Catholic teaching of Salvation by works:

... on the one hand, we recognize all of this **False Teaching**, and what is it doing - if the Lord carries - what is it doing to the evangelical believers? Well, I don't believe you can take away your salvation, you know? Once saved, always saved. That's important and scriptural. However, Satan, and erroneous teachings and false doctrines, can undermine your fruitfulness in Christ. That's why Satan has a gameplan ... (Oct 2015)

This is December 2015, and *The Berean Call* still refuses to publicly repent of their statements/judgments that: Rick Warren LOVES THE LORD and is a Christian brother. TBC made those statements years ago while exposing what they considered anti-Christ teachings of Rick Warren. **However, Jesus says: John 10:27-28 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and THEY FOLLOW ME. And I give them eternal life ...”**

1 Timothy 4:16 “Take heed to yourself and to the teaching. **Continue in them**, for in doing this, you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”

6:12 “Fight the good fight of faith, **lay hold on eternal life**, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

Unconditional Security is Heresy which many Evangelicals have preached to many who now have **False Assurance**.

God's Law (the Torah) shows us God's Character, His Spirit, His Name, and we are to **surrender to His revealed character**, but no matter how holy a human being is, no one can enter Heaven based on that, because such a person is still imperfect. A right attitude before God is really needed to be pleasing in God's sight. To be accepted by God, this state of being must be in us: Tremble At His Word (a repentant spirit); Fear Him; Trust In His Sacrifice For Your Sins; Be Holy. When the New Testament says we are not under Law but under Grace, **is it saying we shouldn't surrender to God's Revelation of His Character?** as many Evangelicals tag “**Legalism**” on anyone who dares to practically follow God. Here's the full quote which most Evangelicals

partially quote: Romans 6:14 “Sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace”.

The Expectation Is Higher On Those Who Know of Grace (Luke 12:47-49).

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Most Calvary Chapel and Evangelical leaders refuse to understand the following:

Although “Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes” (Romans 10:4), true Christians allow Christ to dwell within and fulfill God’s moral law. **Romans 3:31 “Do we make void the law through faith [and Grace]? Certainly not! On the contrary we establish the law.”** Matthew 5:17-20 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. ...”

Jesus said on the Day of Judgment, He will say to many who claim to be Christian: “... depart from Me, you who practice **Lawlessness!**” (Matthew 7:23). Luke 13:24-27 “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will **not** be able. ... Depart from Me, all you **workers of iniquity**”

James (Yakob) 2:20-23 “But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Yitzaak his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works, faith was made perfect. And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ And he was called the friend of God.”

In the New Testament, the phrase “the law” refers to the instructions God gave to the Jews through Moses (the Torah). Apart from the clear Moral Instructions, the law also contain many symbolic commandments (communicating spiritual truths).

For example, the Torah forbids eating of certain meats, but in the New Testament: Mark 7:18-23, “Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Are you without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever [physically] enters a person from outside cannot defile him [spiritually], because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods ... What comes out of a person’s heart is what defiles a person. Because, from the heart proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a person”. Colossians 2:16-17 “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a Jewish holy-day or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are **a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.**”

Commenting on the symbolic laws of the Torah, see Hebrews 9:9-12 which says: “It was symbolic for the present time ... concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances [**physicals**] imposed until the time of reformation. But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the

blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption”. Also see Hebrews 9:19-24

Among the early believers in Christ, there were some who thought that God still requires the followers of the Jewish Messiah to perform physical circumcision, keep the Shabat, keep Kosha, and other symbolic laws God gave through Moses; but the Holy Spirit corrected the early Christians through the Jewish apostles. For example, Galatians 5:2-5 says “... if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And i testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law, you have fallen from grace. For we, through the Spirit, eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.”

Since the Saviour has come, God no more requires anyone to keep the symbolic laws of the Torah. Anyone (Jew or Gentile) who desires to keep them may do so **but make it clear that those things are not Salvation** but symbols communicating spiritual realities (Romans 14 to 15:13, Colossians 2:16-17).

1Timothy 1:5-8 “The purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm. **But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully**”

Torah (the Law): Leviticus 19:17-18 “You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge ... but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”

New Testament: Romans 13:8-10 “Owe no one anything except to love one another because whoever loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘You shall not covet,’ and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”

Is God’s Law Sin? Romans 7:4-7 “My brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another--to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. ... **What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary,** i would not have known sin except through the law. For i would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, ‘You shall not covet.’”

God Reveals His Character To Us By His Instructions. By God’s Law We Know What’s In Accordance To Him, And What’s Sinful. The MeshiYah Himself Being The Word of God. A true Christian turns away from sin, focuses on God’s instructions (especially the New Testament) and does good because of affection and respect for the Saviour (the Lord Jesus) who made the person acceptable to God through His own sacrifice for

us. No one is good enough for the Holy God. A true Christian lives as a Heavenly citizen feeding on **God's Instructions**. Such a person continuously gives-up his authority over his life of following human desires. He doesn't live for self doing whatever he/she feels like doing. Romans 3:31 "Do we then void the law through faith [and Grace]? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law."

True Liberty Vs. Earthly Liberties:

Some of us have been taught that unlike the Law, the grace of the New Testament gives us liberties such as: listening to Hollywood's music, watching the plays of the world, going to the beach to surf and have fun (even though these American pastors know that the beaches are full of naked women). They have also told us that the New Testament liberties allow Christians to watch Hollywood's Marian Catholic movie *The Passion of the Christ*, enjoy carnivals, shows, sports, etc., (all focusing on human glory and earthly glory). **These American pastors categorize many things under "Christian Liberty"**. Yet 1Corinthians 10:5-10 warns: "But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, 'THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT, DRINK, AND ROSE UP TO PLAY.' Nor should we commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell, nor should we tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents, nor complain [against discipline] as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer."

Anytime i try to correct these falsifiers of Christian liberties, they usually call me a "legalist". They often respond by saying: "Stop being legalistic, we are not under law, we are under grace". A mis-quote of Romans 6:14 which actually says, "Sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace". Listen to the Master (Jesus) who Himself is the New Covenant: Matthew 7:22-23, "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name ...' But I will declare to them, 'I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice **lawlessness!**'"

Servant to the Lord Jesus and in-line with His Spirit, Romans 8:3-4 declares: "What the law could not do in that it was weak through the human nature, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not live according to the human nature but according to the Spirit." 8:13-15 "If you live according to the human nature, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will have life. Because, as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'"

Being under grace doesn't excuse us from passionately pursuing after God and seeking to always please Him practically with our whole heart and life. True grace leads true-Christians in this direction: "... holiness, without which no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). True grace of the New Testament empowers true-Christians to be separate from the world. It commands us **not** to go back to the world; it empowers

true-Christians to be holy. Hebrews 2:1-3 “Therefore we must pay serious attention to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels [the Law] proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him”

Being under grace and not under law results in more responsibility and accountability, Jesus said: “... much will be required from those to whom much has been given ...” (Luke 12:47-49). The judgment that will fall on those who know Grace of New Testament is more than the judgment that will fall on those who don’t know about this grace. **The Expectation Is Higher On Those Who Know of Grace.**

By Faith, Not By Law:

No matter how clean we are, **clearly** we have deeply offended our Maker. Those who don’t have a clue about God’s Holiness don’t understand what I just said.

Clearly, anyone who is a friend of the Creator, or who wants friendship with the Creator, strives to always do what is pleasing to Him. Acts 10:34-35 “Then Peter said: In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.” 2Corinthians 6:17-18 “Therefore ‘Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.’ 7:1 “Therefore having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filth of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

Also It Is Clear That: if your performance is what you are depending on, then God cannot accept you because in God’s eyes, our best righteousness is filth. Dependence on God’s finished work (the Lamb of God who took God’s Judgment for our imperfections) is the only way God will always accept you. One of the evidence that a person is **not** under law but under Grace is this: **Thanksgiving To God For That Undeserved Favor.** Romans 4:2-8 “If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ Now to a worker, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does **not** work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the person who God declares righteous apart from works: Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the one whose sin the LORD will not count against him.”

Isaiah 64:6 “We are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” Titus 3:4-5 “But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us ...” Galatians 2:21 “I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.” 5:4-5 “You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law, you have

fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.”

In a proper understanding of God’s Law, **one of the things we learn is this:** we are desperately in need of a Heavenly Advocate (a Saviour) because we are hopeless sinners far from God and Holiness. This Heavenly Advocate does **not** argue that we are good. He agrees that every human being is filthy no matter how holy he/she maybe; those who belong to this Saviour confess the same truth. Our Holy Advocate only pleads and assures by His own **payment** for our sins. His plea is perfect; God is now satisfied because Christ took the Judgment of God for our sins. Galatians 3:19-24 “What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed [MeshiYah] should come to whom the promise was made, and it was appointed through angels ... Therefore **the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith**”.

Titus 2:11-14 “The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all people, teaching us to turn away from ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, **zealous for good works.**”

The glory of what i am about to communicate might not be clearly seen by today’s people; however, in history and forever, it is very important: **the full acceptance into YisraEl’s blessing, of Gentile followers of the Jewish God** (Acts 11:1-18, Ephesians 3:1-12).

The Jews, God’s Chosen People:

Ezekiel 39:7 “... [After the great tribulation and Armageddon] Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One **in Israel.**” That scripture and many like it are still in the future. They will take place at the end of human government. God will fight **for** the Jews when the nations of the earth are about to kill the Jews. The nations of the earth will be crushed by the God of the Hebrew Scripture. 39:7 “... Then the nations shall know that I am YAH, the Holy One **in Israel.**” John 4:21-22 “Jesus [Yah’Shua] said to her, ‘.. You worship what you do **not** know; we know what we worship, for **salvation is of the Jews.**”

Through the Law, God separated the Jews from all humanity. He set them apart for some crucial reasons for the benefit of all humanity. Through the New Testament of the Jewish Nation (**Jeremiah 31:31-33**), God made it possible for Gentile believers in the Jewish Messiah to partake of **His blessings to Israel the blessed.** Ephesians 2:11-13 “Therefore remember that you [Gentiles] ... at that time you were without MeshiYah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of MeshiYah.” 2:17-20 “And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off [Gentiles] and to those who were near [Jews]. For through Messiah we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow

citizens with the [Hebrew] saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the [Jewish] apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone”

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