

# LAW AND GRACE

## BASIC DISPENSATIONAL LESSONS - PART III

*"I do not frustrate the grace of God:  
for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."*

*~ Galatians 2:21*

### **1. Israel and the Church**

- a. James H. Brookes wrote "Israel and the Church" in the 19<sup>th</sup> c. (1874)
- b. The key is "always pause to consider how and to whom [scripture] is applied."
- c. Israel and the church – *truly*, prophecy of Israel and mystery of the church
- d. Israel = land, nation, law; Christ as King – Isaiah 1:1,4,7,10
- e. Church = heaven, body, grace; Christ as Head – Eph 1:20-23, 2:6, 3:2

### **2. Law and Grace**

- a. Both Israel and Church created by God (the who) – Exo 4:22, Gal 6:15
- b. Both law and grace given by God (the how) – John 1:17, Eph 3:2
- c. Law and grace explain *how* God manifests his glory; how we relate to Him
- d. Law and grace are different ways to get things done – require or give

### **3. The Law Required**

- a. What is required? Fear, walk, love, serve, keep commands - Deu 10:12-13
- b. The Lord required "to do", "to love", and "to walk" - Micah 6:8
- c. "It is not a vain thing, it is your life" – Deu 32:47 (compare to 1 Tim 1:6-7)
- d. Their life, atonement, forgiveness tied to the law – Lev 1:2-4, 4:20, 18:5
- e. Righteousness: by law or grace - Gal 2:21, Rom 10:3-4, Deu 6:25
- f. The law was both blessing and curse – Deu 11:26, 29, 27:6
- g. God's mercy and grace shown under law, but the law was still required

### **4. Grace Stands Alone**

- a. Law is what you do (your flesh), grace is what God does for you (Christ, Spirit)
- b. "If by grace, then is it no more of works" - Rom 11:6
- c. "justified by faith without the law" – Rom 3:28... through Christ 3:21-26, 4:5
- d. Righteousness: by law or grace - Gal 2:21, Rom 10:3-4, Deu 6:25
- e. We receive grace (the gift of righteousness by faith) in Christ – Rom 5:17
- f. What rules/reigns over you? The law or grace – Rom 5:21
- g. Under law or under grace? – Rom 6:14; we live and walk by grace – Gal 2:19
- h. We stand by faith in God's grace, and nothing moves us – Rom 5:1,2