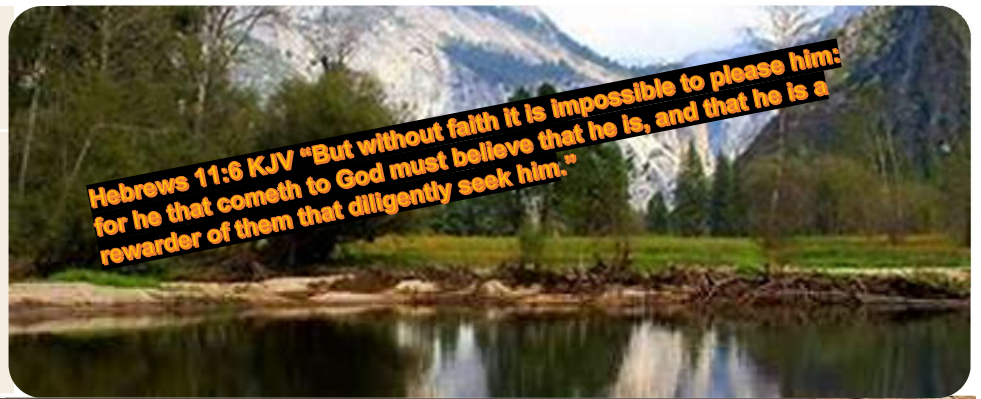


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**Galatians 3:11a KJV**

**“But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God”**



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**Topic >> If the Law was still in effect today the Gentiles would have no hope of “Salvation” as they were never a part of Israel’s Law**

The law was based on human performance (works); no one was ever able to keep the Law fully - except Jesus Christ. Thus the animal sacrifices of shed blood for Israel.

Grace is based on what God has done through the finished work of Jesus Christ, **not on anything you do.**

Grace is lived out by faith; it is lived out by following what Jesus in you is doing. Jesus lives out His righteous life through you. You follow what He is doing by being His hands, feet and voice in the world today.

Grace is where God initiates and provides everything necessary for salvation. **BELIEVE & TRUST - that Jesus Christ paid it ALL**

**Believe:** that what God has already accomplished through Jesus Christ on the cross is SUFFICIENT for you.

## Book of Acts - the Transition From Law to Grace

**The Difference Between Law and Grace:** The law focused on the standard of righteousness; it was an external standard that the Jews attempted to live out by their own human effort. Grace looks to the source of righteousness which is Jesus Christ. Grace is an internal standard that is lived out by Christ, Himself, as He lives his righteous life in you and does His good works through you: you follow Him in faith.

**Why all the Confusion in the Church Today?** This is due to the fact that, in the four Gospels, Jesus lived under the Law and taught the Law as God meant it to be taught. Because the four Gospels are in the New Testament, people have misunderstood this as our rule of life. Yes, we are to live as Jesus did – by faith – but not under the rule of the Law. After Christ’s resurrection, Israel’s ceremonial law ceased. The period of transition (in Acts) from Law to Grace; applied only to the Jews because the Gentiles never were under the Law. The exception was for a Gentile proselyte under Israel’s program.

After the Jewish religious Leaders rejected Christ as their Messiah by stoning Steven in (Acts 7), God set Israel aside temporarily. Then God introduced, Grace that was **a mystery that was hid in God since the beginning of the world** and this was revealed (in Acts 9) to Saul/Paul who became the Apostle to the Gentiles. **Now “salvation” is a “free Gift” for those who “believe” and “trust”** that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for all of their sins. That He was buried and rose again the third day according to the scriptures. **(1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-4).** There is now no Law. Both Jew & Gentile are “saved” the same way. **By GRACE.**

**The “Moment” we believe Jesus Christ paid for our sins we are “SEALED” with the Holy Spirit**



This person was “Saved” the moment he believed – **which happened before the leap!**

The Old testament and the 4 Gospels teach the Mosaic Law that was given to Israel. After Jesus fulfilled the Law by living a sinless life under it, He was uniquely qualified to be the lamb without “spot or blemish.”

**By His death on the cross, Jesus defeated sin; by His resurrection, Jesus conquered death.** The Law was always intended to be a temporary measure for the Jews until Christ came. When Christ fulfilled the Law perfectly – the Law was no longer needed **because the law was based on human performance which always fell short.** Under Grace, righteousness and righteous living come from Christ living in you, not by your own human efforts. **As a member of His body, Christ lives out His life in you and does His good works**