



The Case For Grace

**The New You for the New
Year**



The Opposing Principles of Law and Grace

- Romans 11:6 (1205)—Law and Grace are opposing principals.
- Deuteronomy 28 (245)—the Principle of the Law is If/Then. Under this system people are given what they deserve.
- Grace by definition is you and I **not** getting what we deserve. *Webster's 1828 Dictionary* defines grace as:
 - Favor—good will, kindness
 - The free unmerited love and favor of God, the spring and source of all the benefits that men receive from him.
 - Grace is unearned and undeserved honor and favor from God.
 - **G**od's **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense



The Opposing Principles of Law and Grace

- Romans 5:20—grace then by its very definition and nature implies that it can be abused or it would not be grace.
- Romans 6:1, 14—grace should not be abused.
- Grace ought to motivate us to do the right thing out of gratitude to God for what he has done for us. In Contrast, the Law motivated people to obey out of fear of punishment.



The Lawful Use of the Law

- Romans 3:19-20, 28 (1194)—the Law cannot save from sin.
 - Galatians 3:1-3 (1243)
 - Galatians 5:1-4 (1246)
- I Timothy 1:6-10 (1277)—all the Law can do is manifest sin. Therefore, the law is not made for a righteous man.
- Romans 7:7 (1199)—Paul only knew what lust was because the law told him not to covet.
- If you are saved this morning that Law has already fulfilled its purpose for you.



How to Walk in the Spirit

- Galatians 5:16-21 (1246)—Paul identifies that fact that the believer is either walking in the flesh or walking in the Spirit.
- Verse 17—the Flesh and the Spirit are contrary principles that are at war with one another in the inner man of believers.
- Verse 18—God the Holy Spirit leads no believers to operate under the performance based system of the Law. It is the flesh that does that.
- Verses 19-21—all of these sins are treated the same.



How to Walk in the Spirit

- I Corinthians 6:9-11—there are two kinds of people in this passage. The saved and the unsaved.
- Verses 9-10—the people who committed these sins and therefore will not inherit the kingdom of God are clearly not saved people.
- Verse 11—Paul tells the Corinthians that they used to be like the people in verse 9-10 but upon salvation have undergone a change in identity and affiliation.
- The people described in verses 9-10 are the people the law is for.



How to Walk in the Spirit

- Galatians 5—When the Galatians and us for that matter walk in these sins we living like the unsaved that is Paul's point.
- Grace then is hardly an excuse the walk in the flesh and manifest the behaviors listed in Galatians 5, They are contrary to our new identify.
- **So then why do we continue to sin and walk in them?**

The Law of Sin

Flesh

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Natural Law:
Pulls Believers
Toward

The Lusts of the
Flesh = Sin

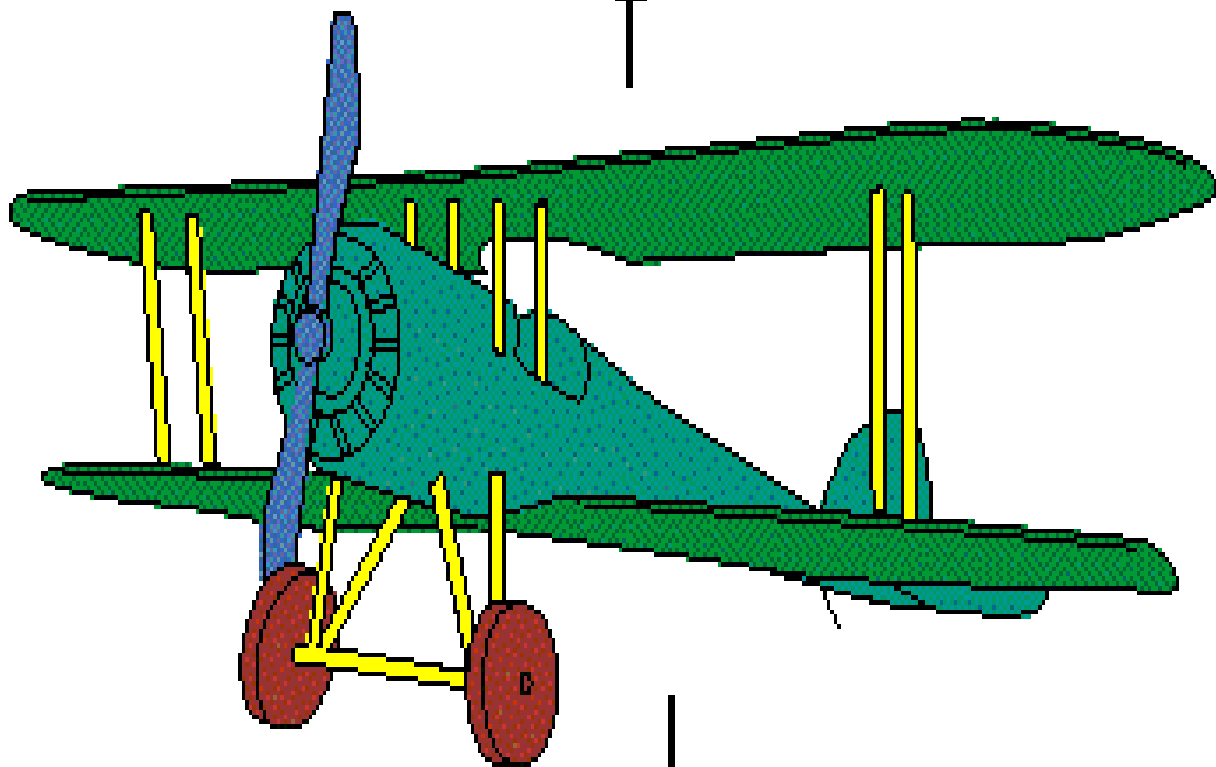
Gravity

Objects/Matter

Natural Law:
Objects Pulled
Toward

Earth

Lift



Thrust



Drag



Weight



The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus

Flesh

The Law of Sin

The Righteousness
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Circumcision Made Without Hands

