

# THE LAW, FAITH, GRACE and SALVATION

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- An attempt has been made to arrange the concepts under this topic in a logical order. Revise it as necessary, to improve it!
  - This is just an "overview"; other verses can be found.
  - In some contexts, the meaning of the word "law" may be limited to a specific aspect of the law, such as the "ceremonial law," or the "moral law." Examine the context, if there is any question. (Examining context is always good, anyway!)
  - In several instances, a major section pertaining to the *law* is immediately followed by a corresponding (or "complementary") section pertaining to *faith*. It would be instructive to compare these parallel sections.
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# PART 1

## A. THE LAW (etc.) and GOD'S PROMISE OF SALVATION / LIFE

1. ***Opposing/Contrasting Principle: The Works Required by the Law, Contrasted with Faith*** - Galatians 3:12
2. ***Relies on Total Compliance, Yet None Have Totally Complied***
  - Total Compliance - Matthew 19:17b [But see previous part of verse: "There is only One who is good" - that is, God.]; Galatians 5:3
  - None Meet the Requirements - Matthew 19:17a; Romans 3:9-19
3. ***The Law Is Powerless to Save, but Leads Us to One Who Can***
  - Even "Natural Law" Condemns - Romans 2:14-15
  - None Are Justified/Declared Righteous - Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:15-16; Galatians 3:11
  - Righteousness Cannot Come by Means of Works - Romans 9:30-33
  - Though the Law Intended to Bring Life, it Became Unable to Accomplish its Purpose - Romans 7:10; Romans 8:3
  - The "Best" That the Law Can Do is to Provide Ceremonial "Outward Cleansing" - Hebrews 9:13
  - Though the Law Itself Cannot Save Us, it Can Lead Us to Christ, Who Can - Galatians 3:24
4. ***The Law's Relationship to God's Promises and Salvation Blessings***
  - The Law Cannot Be the Means of Obtaining the Promise Given to Abraham and His Offspring - Romans 4:13
  - The Law Cannot Be the Means of Obtaining the Spirit, Etc. - Galatians 3:2-5
  - There Is No Conflict Between the Law and a Salvation Based on God's Promise, Because God's Promise Deals with Something That the Law Is Powerless to Deal with - Galatians 3:21
  - The Law Cannot Nullify God's Promise - Galatians 3:17-18 ["God in His GRACE..." - Otherwise, as previously seen, none of us could have gained it!]
5. ***Consequences if Salvation Had Been Possible Through the Law***
  - We Could Boast about Our Own Accomplishments - Romans 3:27 (Implied); Philippians 3:9
  - Christ's Death Would Have Been for Nothing - Galatians 2:21
  - In Reality, God's Promise of Salvation Would Be Worthless, since None of Us Are Able to Fulfill the Law's Requirements - Romans 4:13-15a [See "Law and Consequences," PART 3, below.]

## **B. FAITH (etc.) and GOD'S PROMISE OF SALVATION / LIFE**

1. ***Opposing/Contrasting Principles***
    - Faith Contrasted to Works (Which Are Required by the Law) - Galatians 3:12
    - Grace and Truth Contrasted to Law - John 1:16-17
  
  2. ***Relies on Christ's Total Compliance to the Law's Requirements and His Acceptance of Our Judgment upon Himself***
    - His Obedience... - Romans 5:19
    - His Substitution, His Death for Us... - Romans 5:8-11; Romans 8:3; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 9:14; Hebrews 9:15b
  
  3. ***Salvation Comes by Faith in What Jesus Did - by God's Grace***
    - Accepting/Following the Message God Commanded Jesus to Speak - John 12:44-46,49-50
    - The Result of Faith/Believing What God Has Said/Done - Acts 13:38-39; Romans 3:28-30; Romans 4:13-16; Romans 9:30; Galatians 2:15-16; Galatians 3:11
    - This Is Made Possible Because of Our Union with Jesus Christ in His Death/Life [And this fact is to have an effect on the way we live] - Romans 6:8-13; Romans 8:3-4; Galatians 2:19-20; Philippians 3:8b-9
    - This Is All by the Undeserved Grace of God - Romans 4:16; Romans 5:21; Ephesians 2:8a
    - In this Matter, the Law Has No Value - Galatians 5:6
  
  4. ***This Is All Done in Accordance with God's Promises***
    - Promises Made to Abraham and His Offspring... - Romans 4:13, 16; Galatians 3:6-9; Galatians 3:14; Galatians 3:18; Galatians 3:22
    - The New Covenant Promise.. - Hebrews 9:15
  
  5. ***Consequences of Salvation by Faith***
    - No Boasting, Since it Comes from God (Not from Self) - Romans 3:27; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 3:9b
    - The Grace of God Is Not "Set Aside" - Galatians 2:21
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## PART 2

### A. THE LAW (etc.) and SIN

1. *Law Added Because of Transgressions (Until Christ Would Come)* - Galatians 3:19
2. *Law Causes Awareness of Sin* - Romans 3:20b; Romans 7:7+
3. *Law Gives Sin Power to Grow/Increase/Enslave/Be Aroused* - Romans 5:20 [However, grace increases even more.]; Romans 6:14,16-17 [Implied]; Romans 7:5; Romans 7:8
4. *Law Gives Sin Power to Kill*
  - Before the Commandment Came, I Was Alive... - Romans 7:8b-9
  - Sin Used the Law/Commandment to Kill - Romans 7:9; Romans 7:11; 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

### B. FAITH (etc.) and SIN

1. *Sin and Transgression Are Gone* - Romans 4:15b; Romans 5:20-6:2 [Romans 7:8 - See Previous Section.]
  2. *Freedom from Sin; under a New Master* - Romans 6:14-18
  3. *Misc. - Christ Does Not Promote Sin* - Galatians 2:17 [See context.]
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## **PART 3**

### **A. THE LAW (etc.) and ITS CONSEQUENCES [WITH THE PRESENCE OF SIN]**

1. ***Condemnation and Imprisonment*** - Galatians 3:23; Galatians 4:24-25 [See context for the allegory.]; James 2:8-9 [An illustration of condemnation/conviction.]
2. ***Death, Wrath, Curse; Used by Sin to Accomplish These Things*** - Romans 4:15a; Romans 7:10; Romans 7:13; Galatians 3:10 [...And nobody continually obeys in everything...]

### **B. FAITH (etc.) and ITS CONSEQUENCES**

1. ***Receiving of the Promises/Blessings of Salvation, Etc.***
    - We Eagerly Wait for Our Coming Righteousness - Galatians 5:5
    - Receiving the Spirit (and the Power the Spirit Provides) - Galatians 3:2-5; Galatians 3:14
    - A Cleansed Conscience - Hebrews 9:14
  2. ***Freed from the Curse/Condemnation/Death*** - Romans 8:1-2
  3. ***Able to Live in a Righteous Manner: as a "Free Slave"*** - Romans 6:22; Galatians 5:13-14; Hebrews 9:14
  4. ***[See also: "Living According to the Law (Etc.)," PART 4, below.]***
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# PART 4

## A. FAITH (etc.) and THE LAW (etc.)

1. *No Longer under the Law/Its Supervision* - 1 Corinthians 9:20; Galatians 3:24-25
2. *This Does Not Mean That We Live an "Unrestrained" Life.* [See also: "Living According to the Law (Etc.)," below.] - 1 Corinthians 9:21
3. *Dead to the Law/Able to Live for God* - Romans 7:4-6; Galatians 2:19-20
4. *Under a New Covenant* - 2 Corinthians 3:6; Galatians 4:26 [See context for the allegory.]; Hebrews 9:15
5. *Misc. Contrasts*
  - Contrasting Ministries - 2 Corinthians 3:7-9
  - Contrasting Results for Rejecting it - Hebrews 10:26-31

## B. THE GOODNESS OF THE LAW (etc.)

1. *A Summarized Description of the Law: "Love"* - Romans 13:10; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8
2. *The Goodness of the Law, Etc.*
  - Holy, Righteous, Good, Spiritual - Romans 7:12,14a,16b
  - Perfect, Giving Freedom - James 1:25; James 2:12
  - The Law Is Not Sin or Death (Though Sin Uses the Law to Kill...) - Romans 7:7-13

## C. LIVING ACCORDING TO THE LAW (etc.)

1. *The Ability to Uphold it (In Christ)*
  - Law Has No Value in Gaining Righteousness, but Genuine Faith Will "Express Itself" - Galatians 5:6 [See Above, "A Summarized Description of the Law: 'Love'," in previous section]
  - We Uphold the Law/Delight in it - Romans 3:31; Romans 7:21-25
2. *The Necessity of Upholding it*
  - We Are Called for this Purpose - Galatians 5:13-14
  - If We Don't Do So, Our Faith Is Worthless and Dead - James 1:22-27; James 2:12-14
  - "The Saints" (Genuine Christians) Are Described as Obeying God's Commands - Revelation 14:12