

Yahweh's **wonderful grace** has been poured out upon all humanity as a means to bring them into fellowship with himself.

Grace is God's way of saving us **instead** of destroying us as our sinful deeds deserve.

## Titus 2:11-12 TLV

(11) For the **grace of God** has appeared, **bringing salvation** to **all** men,

(12) **training us** to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live in a manner that is self-controlled and righteous and godly in the present age.

We must understand that **all men** are not automatically saved. Salvation is **available** to all men; however, we must accept it by faith.

## Ephesians 2:8 CJB

(8) For you have been delivered **by grace** through faith, and even this is **not your** accomplishment but **God's gift**.

Yet the word **Grace** has been **terribly misunderstood, abused** and **misused**. Some believes that God's grace is only experienced under **the new covenant**.

They believe that grace came **after** Yeshua inaugurated the new covenant with Israel and therefore all Israel was lost because they were under the **law**.

This is where the **problem** is today. Therefore, believers are always saying **"we are no longer under the law we are under grace"**.

May I remind you that we, **gentiles'** believers were **never** under the law in the first place. The law was given to Israel. However, through Yeshua we have been **grafted** into that new covenant

What we need to understand today is, the **grace of God** has **always** been experienced by humanity from eternity past.

One example of experiencing the grace of Yahweh is Noah. When humanity **became morally corrupt** and Yahweh decided to destroy them from off the face of the earth, He found **one** man who walked before him in righteousness. His name was Noah.

## Genesis 6:8 CJB

But Noah found **grace** in the sight of Yahweh.

**Noah and his family were saved by the grace of God.**

However, although grace is a **free gift** from God, it comes with **responsibility attached**.

In order to reap the **full benefit** from God's grace, we must walk in obedient to His torah, [instruction]. Those who are **saved by grace must also obey** the Lord's instruction, the Torah. Not to **be saved** but because **we are saved**.

This is where the **problem** is today. This is why believers are always saying "**we are not under the law we are under grace**".

Noah **obeyed** God's instruction and built an ark in which his family was saved **because** Noah **found grace** in the eyes of Yahweh.

When the flood waters came Noah's, family were **safe** inside the ark which they built according to **Yahweh instruction**.

### Hebrews 11:7 TLV

By **faith Noah**, when warned about events not yet seen, in holy fear prepared an ark for the safety of his household. Through **faith** he condemned the world and became **an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith**.

Yahweh offered him **grace**. Noah, **by faith, obeyed** the Lord, and so was blessed. While God **extends grace**, human beings **must** be willing **to receive it**.

Grace is Yahweh's gift to humanity. However, it is a gift that **must be** receive by faith in the **sacrificial death** of the Messiah Yeshua.

### Ephesians 2:8 CJB

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## Understanding the law.

I am concerned, even grieved because some believers, have **closed their minds** to the truth revealed in God's word concerning **grace and the law**. They prefer to **hold on to traditional** teaching rather than accept the **revelation** set forth in scripture.

I am convinced that **a better understanding** of the law as used in scripture will be helpful in order to under **grace** better.

Because when we take the people **from under the law**, we are creating a generation of rebels. **No society** can function peaceful without laws; without rules to live by.

We have a group of **rebels** running around saying "**we are not under the law**", we are under grace. We have been washing in the blood of Yeshua therefore we are **free to do as we please**.

A **better understanding** of the **word law** will be helpful in our understanding the laws of God and how they affect us as believers in Yeshua today.

The word **law** is translated from **two** words in the bible: the **Hebrew** word **Torah** and the Greek word **nomos**.

The Hebrew word "**Torah**," is rendered in both the **Septuagint** and the New Testament by the Greek word "**nomos**,".

However, if we use the **Hebraic definition**, we will look at the law differently.

Torah: Tôrâh, [to-row] **means** to teach; inform, instruct, show, teaching.

Nomos [nom'-os] -generally means regulation and a principle.

Nomos makes the laws of Yahwah **legalistic** in **nature**, rather than **instructions** to live by.

Therefore, it is safe to say that **in scripture** the **word law** can best be understood by using the word **Torah**, which is teaching or instruction.

The word teachings take the **sting out of legality**, so to speak, out of the word law, which indicates **a set of strict rules**.

The laws of moses were **Yahweh's instructions** for his people Israel to live by in their communities. They governed every aspect of their lives. There was no separation between their **religious lives** and their **civil lives**.

Yahweh had a purpose in giving the **laws** to Israel, which falls into **three** categories. Many believers **do not know this**, which is why they believe the **law has been replaced by grace**.

Today I **will not** go into details about the **three categories** because of time, however, if you **really want to know more** about these laws contact me.

I only want to **point out to you** today that believers are **not free** to do as they please because **grace** abound. With grace comes **responsibility**.

That responsibility includes **obeying** the **instruction** of our heavenly father which he has given to **govern** his community.

**Israel was saved by the grace of Yahweh.** The torah was Yahweh's instruction for them to **live by** in order to govern their relationship with him. They were a **community** of people in a **covenant relationship** with Yahweh, and therefore, **every** community must have laws to live by.

The **law never** saves anyone, but it helps to **keep people** on the straight and narrow way.

In Thayer's' **Greek dictionary** we find a broad definition of the **word grace**. However, neither of them states that **grace has replaced** the moral obligation of humanity to **obey Yahweh** previous Torah, His instruction, better known among believers as the "**law**".

**Paul writing to the Romans said**

**Romans 3:31 CJB**

Does it follow that we **abolish Torah** by this trusting? Heaven forbid! On the contrary, **we confirm Torah**.

**Confirm** means to "**uphold**" it, "**establish**" it or "**place**" it "on a firm foundation".

Because the very basis, foundation and essence of *Torah*, **is trusting God**, and not mechanical keeping rule.

**Please understand this today.** Yahweh's moral laws **have not** been done away with. To say that God gives us his favor, his grace, **without** our obedient is **unrealistic**, and goes against all that **Yahweh is** and all that he represents.

It is **handing** believers **a key** to steal, to covet, to commit adultery, to kill and all other moral sins. **And why not?** After all, they say, I have **Yahweh's favor**, I have **his grace** on my life and I can do as I please without any consequence because I am covered by the **blood of Yeshua**.

Yeshua summarized these in **Mark 12:29-31**.

**Mark 12:28-31 TS2009**

(28) And one of the scribes coming near, ..... asked Him, "Which is the **first** command of all?"

(29) And Yeshua answered him, "The first of all the commands is, '**Hear, O Yisra'ël, Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is one.** [Deu\\_6:4](#)."

(30) '**And you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**' [Deu\\_6:5](#). **This is the first command.**

(31) "And the **second**, like it, is this, '**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**' [Lev\\_19:18](#). There is **no other command greater than these.**"

Yeshua did not say these are the **only** commandment for israel to obey. he said the are the greatest because on these two commandments **hangs** all the others.

**As Yeshua said:****Luke 10:27 CJB**

(27) , "You are to love Yahweh your God **with all your heart**, with all your **soul**, with **all your strength** and with **all your understanding**; and your neighbor as yourself."

However, the command to **obey** is still there. Yeshua instructed us to **love our neighbor** by not sleeping with his wife, and by not stealing from him or wanting what he has and by not killing him to get it.

However, the instruction **not** to do these things is the underlying principle to what yeshua said.

**Romans 13:9 CJB**

(9) For the commandments, "Don't commit adultery," "Don't murder," "Don't steal," "Don't covet," and any others are **summed** up in this one rule: "**Love your neighbor as yourself.**"

(10) Love does not **do harm to a neighbor**; therefore love is the fullness of Torah.

**Fulfillment** of the Torah, not to **supersede** or take the place of the Torah. Not to **do away** with it, but to show that love is the **beginning, the end** and the **motivating force** at work in the Torah

Moreover, if yah still judges those who commits adultery, there must be a written code of law [Torah] to violate.

### Hebrews 13:4 CJB

(4) Marriage is honorable in every respect; and, in particular, sex within marriage is pure. But God **will indeed punish** fornicators and adulterers.

### Hebrews 13:4 MKJV

(4) Marriage *is* honorable in all, and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Remember, **God's grace** is meant to **bring sinful** men into **right standing** with himself, through his son. **It is not a license to sin.**

**Grace is god not giving us what we deserve.** We deserve **his wrath**; instead he gives us **his love**.

## 2. What does the Bible say about grace?

Grace can be **defined** as the **merciful kindness** by which Yahweh, exerting his **holy influence** upon souls of **underserved sinners**, to turn them to Himself.

Sinners do **not have** the ability to save themselves. All our efforts are in vain. Therefore, Yahweh took the **initiative** himself. He chose to place all **our sins** upon his own son. And those who come **to him** by faith will experience his grace.

**A. W. Tozer** said: "Grace is the **good pleasure** of God that inclines him to bestow **benefits** on the **undeserving**."

Grace is **not** something that any of us **can earn**. It is totally and completely a **gift** from God. It makes **no different** if you are Jew or gentile.

### Romans 3:21-24 CJB

(21) But now, quite apart **from Torah**, God's way of making people righteous in his sight has been made clear — although the **Torah and the Prophets give their witness to it as well** —

(22) and it is a righteousness that comes **from God**, through the faithfulness of **Yeshua the Messiah**, to all who **continue trusting**. For it makes no difference whether one is a **Jew or a Gentile**,

(23) since **all** have **sinned** and come short of **earning God's praise**.

(24) **By God's grace**, without earning it, **all** are granted the status of being considered righteous before him, through the **act of redeeming** us from our enslavement to sin that was **accomplished by the Messiah Yeshua**.

The Jews were **granted** the status of being **considered righteous** from their enslavement to sin that was **accomplished** through the **act of redeeming by the Messiah Yeshua** even **before** his birth.

### John 1:15-17 CJB

(15) John witnessed concerning him when he cried out, "This is the man I was talking about when I said, 'The one coming after me has come to rank ahead of me, because **he existed** before me.' "

(16) We have **all received** from **his fullness**, yes, **grace upon grace**.

(17) For the **Torah** was given through Moshe; **grace and truth** came through Yeshua the Messiah.

Remember, Yahweh said to Moses that **his very name** is **rich in grace and truth**, and the name Yeshua mean **Yahweh saves**.

### Exodus 34:6-7 CJB

(6) .... rich in **grace** and truth;

No one can "**earn**" redemption by works. No man can earn redemption by **keeping the law**. If we could, we would boast about our redemption. This goes for **Israel** under the **old covenant** and Israel under the **new covenant**.

Yahweh's way of making humanity **right** with him has **not changed**. It has **always been** by **grace** in response to **man's faith**.

### Ephesians 2:8-10 CJB

(8) For you have been delivered **by grace** through trusting, and even this is **not your** accomplishment but **God's gift**.

(9) You were **not delivered** by your **own actions**; therefore no one should boast.

(10) For we are **of God's making**, created **in union** with the Messiah Yeshua for a life of good actions **already prepared by God for us to do**.

### Ephesians 1:7 CJB

(7) In union with him [Yeshua], through the shedding of **his blood**, we are set free — our sins are forgiven; this accords with the **wealth of the grace**

And **this grace**, according to Thayer Greek dictionary, includes **everything** good that we experience now, **as citizen of God's kingdom**. Including

- joy
- pleasure
- delight;
- health,
- prosperity
- Peace
- good times
- Protection

Whatever it is comes **from God** by his grace. No one of us can boast of deserving it. It is strictly **free** to us when we come to the father Yahweh by faith in his son Yeshua. **You don't get it unless you believe in Yeshua.**

### **Conclusion:**

When sinners **turn to God**, He **strengthens** them and **keeps** them, by **his grace** and loving kindness.

God's grace **includes the hope** of eternal life when Yeshua come back and establish his kingdom reign here **on earth**.

But listen, **even then, even in his everlasting kingdom**, we will still be required to obey the **moral Torah**. We will still be under the instruction of God which will **promote peace**, and **joy** and **happiness, respect** and **love** for one another.

We will still be required to love **Yahweh** with **all** our hearts as Paul said

I ask you today, **where do you stand in obedient to these instructions?**

**Since you are under grace.**

Are you exempted from Yeshua's **summary of this portion of the Torah?**

**Has it been done away with?**

**Please think seriously about this.**