

## God Is What?! (His Attributes)

### God, He is Grace (Part 2)

Remember: Attributes are things God **is**, not what God **has**.

- Today, I want to deal with **grace** and **law**.
  1. You and I must understand the relationship between grace and law or you won't **fully** understand grace.

Here lies the problem: Church leaders / Pastors have not taught the **abundance**, the **riches**, and the **awesomeness** of the grace of God.

2. So, most Christians still live **under** the law.

I am not promoting lawlessness, but I am promoting a **higher** level of righteousness.

What keeps us from living under grace?

- A. First of all, not understanding that grace is **received**, not earned.

### **Romans 5:17**

The second part says: if you **receive** grace and of the gift of righteousness:

- You will **reign** in life.

Question: How do you reign in life?

Answer: According to this scripture, you have to **receive** abundant grace and the gift of righteousness.

How many of you want to reign in life? Most of us feel like we don't **measure up**.

Listen closely: There is nothing wrong with praying and reading your Bible, but we have it backwards.

My point:

3. We don't reign by our performance; we reign through our **position**.

I do believe those that reign in life do pray and read the Bible → you don't reign in life because you pray and read the Bible – it's **grace**.

But, I'm bothered what is taught on giving they teach it backward.

### **Luke 6:38**

- This is a great, great scripture, but this is not the reason I give! It's not my **motivation**.

### **Luke 6:30**

How many of you lend money and hope they don't pay you back?

In this chapter, Jesus is dealing with the **motive** for giving.

- \* Jesus says – give, just to give, but the result or reward is when you give with a **pure** heart, it will be given back to you pressed down, and shaken together.

Give and God will give back is true, but it's not our **motive**.

This is the power of grace manifesting.

You have the **privilege** to return and give.

Now, why did I say all this?

Answer: I don't need to pray and read the Bible to get in God's good graces; I'm **already** in good graces through grace and the gift of righteousness.

Because I understand that truth: I give, I read the Word, I pray because I **want** to.

4. I reign through position in abundance of grace and I don't work for it, I **receive** it.

Question: What is the gift of righteousness?

Answer: Righteousness is **right** standing with God.

You and I can never keep **all** of God's laws at all times → so I can never be righteous by law.

Let me clarify something: Scripture doesn't say no matter what you do, you reign.

When you sin, you are **yielding** your authority.

**Romans 6:14**

So, you are not under law – but some want to argue with this.

5. The righteousness of grace **super-exceeds** the righteousness of the law.

### **Matthew 5:20**

What was the Pharisee's righteousness?

Answer: the **law**

Jesus, who is grace, says: The law says don't murder your brother, I say don't even **hate**.

The law says: don't commit adultery; Jesus, who is grace says: don't **lust** in your heart.

Your victory is you are in Christ / grace – so **reign**.

6. Jesus in grace gives us the power to live, instead of doing or not doing, it is a **heart** issue, you love Jesus, that's what grace offers.

Second reason we don't live under grace is:

- B. We don't understand that we have been **released** from the law.

**Romans 7:1** speaking to the Jews and today, us

Then He gives an illustration:

**Romans 7:2-3**

**Romans 7:4**

- \* He is saying: your first husband – you were married to the **law**.

Now – grace you are married to **Christ**.

- The law could never **help** you do what is right.
- The law always tells you what you do **wrong**.
- The law never **encourages** you.

Bad husband – grace is **perfect**.

### **Galatians 3:21**

- \* The law can only give you the **knowledge** of sin but the only one who sets you free is **Jesus Christ**.

Before Christ, the law kept you in **bondage** – under guard.

### **Galatians 3:24-25**

- We **ended** our relationship with the law and married Jesus.

The only problem is we married the **perfect** husband but still live the lifestyle of the **old** husband - Try that in the natural and see how that works.

### **Galatians 3:1-3**

- It's not **performance**
- It's not my **works**

Because of what Jesus did on the Cross, I have been **adopted** into a new family and my position in that family is not based on my performance.

Conclusion: If I **receive** grace and the abundance of righteousness, I will live victoriously.

- This is produced out of a **love** relationship between me and Jesus Christ; I am married to Him.

Let me finish with this example:

- The way I produce in the Spirit is through a relationship with **Christ**, not the law.
- Why: I'm faithful to her is because I **love** her.

I don't want to be unfaithful to her and there is nothing in me that even thinks to go down that road.

Love is a **greater** governing power than law.

The reason I don't want to be unfaithful to my Lord and Savior is not because I swore I wouldn't – because I **love** Jesus and don't want to → that's grace.

- Grace produces a **freedom** and a **righteousness** in my life that law can never produce.
- It's a relationship with **God**.
- It's a relationship with **grace**.

God is what!?

He is grace and He wants to **marry** you, and live **happily** ever after.