

Law versus Grace

The 613 Laws of Moses were given from God to Israel in the books from Genesis to Deuteronomy. But laws, in whatever number, may be given either from God or from man. In contrast, God is the source of all grace, & because of God's character that source of grace is infinite. As a Principle, either Law or Grace becomes the defining spiritual environment & reality in which a human being lives & interacts. Israel was to live under the Laws of Moses & under the Principle of Law. The Church of Christ is to live exclusively under the Principle of Grace. The two columns given below are to show a number of critical contrasts between the Principle of Law & the Principle of Grace.

The Principle of Law	The Principle of Grace
You are joined to the Law.	You are joined to Christ.
Under Law, the key person is you.	Under grace, the key person is Christ.
The Principle of Law threatens death & condemnation, with the hope that you might still end up living in this life.	The Principle of Grace says that you already were condemned & died, but ending up with a certain & fixed hope in His life.
The Principle of Law has you beholding the Law & yourself, under a fading glory.	The Principle of Grace has you beholding the Lord, & made to grow from glory to glory.
The Principle of Law calls for everything from us & nothing from God.	The Principle of grace calls for everything from God & nothing from us.
Under the Principle of Law, the energizing source is the sin nature, resulting in death.	Under the Principle of Grace, the energizing source is God, resulting in life.
The Principle of Law is not based on faith in God but in ourselves.	The Principle of Grace is based on faith in God & not in ourselves.
If you do this & don't do that, then you will be blessed.	You are already blessed so do this & don't do that.
Under Law you do & don't do things in order to establish an identity.	Under Grace you do & don't do things because of the identity you already have.
Motivation: Fear of the condemnation of the Law.	Motivation: Thankfulness for God's amazing Grace.
Divides those under the Law from those not under the Law.	Of one household with the dividing wall taken out of commission.
The Principle of Law involves limited grace.	The Principle of Grace involves no element of Law and infinite grace.
Under the Principle of Law, growth consists of fruitlessly attempting to minimize the rate of death.	Under the Principle of Grace, growth consists of growth in His life and His glory by His accomplishment.