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Legalism and Grace

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Legalism and Grace.

Two teachers can have equal knowledge of the Scriptures and teach from the same Bible, but one will bring death, while the other brings life. This is because the one who brings death teaches from a legalistic mindset, while the other teaches from a mindset of grace. The message of the Lord Jesus Christ is beautiful when it is clothed with grace, but without grace it is robbed of its beauty and saving power. The following words of Paul show the enormous importance of trusting in God's grace in Christ. Paul wrote:

- **Galatians 2:21:** I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law (or any form of religious self-effort), then Christ died for no purpose.

This means, when a brother or sister in Christ begin to justify themselves through the law and self-effort, they nullify the grace of God and by their actions declare that Christ's death was of no value.

Shining a spotlight on the importance of grace even more Paul states:

- **Galatians 5:4:** When we forsake grace we separate ourselves from Christ because it was only by grace that God made us alive in Christ. (also Eph. 2:5).

Continuing in the same theme, and highlighting the majestic glory of grace all the more Paul goes on to say:

- **Ephesians 2:8:** It is only by grace that any brother or sister has been saved.

Paul in these verses is shining a brilliant floodlight on the truth that every brother and sister in Christ is saved, solely by faith and by grace, and it is not their own doing, but the gift of God. This means that without grace no-one can be united to Christ, and whoever is without Christ is separated from God, and without God no-one can be saved to eternal life. This shines a light on the truth, in regards to eternal salvation, Christ, God, grace, and faith, are all on an equal par with each other, since no-one can be saved to eternal life without any one of them.

This is the reason the author of the book of Hebrews spends so many chapters, brilliantly and skilfully explaining to the Hebrews, that they must stop their sin of trusting in religious works, the Levitical Law, and their priesthood to be counted righteous before God, and start trusting in the grace of God that is in Christ, and in his righteousness to be saved to eternal life.

By extension this means that Christians must stop trusting in attending a church building every week, strictly adhering to ceremonial rites and holy days, and keeping religious customs and traditions to be saved. Though the practise of some of these maybe good in themselves, they become grossly sinful when believers trust in them for their salvation, since not one of them has any power to save to eternal life, and the instant we begin to trust in what we can do to be saved, we nullify the grace of God, and make Christ's death count for nothing.

- **Romans 3:20-24:** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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