

## Contrasting Law or Grace

For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under Law but under grace. Romans 6:14

There is no such thing as living from the Law and from grace at the same time. We live from grace, Christ's divine enablement, or by the Law, which relies on self-effort. Because the Law is without life and power, it relies on willpower. Believers do not live by "might or by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord. (Zechariah 4:6)

<b>Under the Law</b> Because the wages of sin is death, the Law, with its impossible standards, keeps us from God. Romans 6:23	<b>Under Grace</b> Because we are in Christ, we can draw near to God with confidence to find grace and help in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16
<b>The Law says</b>  "Do"	<b>Grace says</b>  "Done"
<b>The Law emphasizes what</b>  Man has done or does	<b>Grace emphasizes what</b>  God has done and does
<b>The Law addresses</b>  External practices and standards	<b>Grace addresses</b>  Internal heart attitudes
<b>The Law focuses on</b>  Ought to, should, and must	<b>Grace focuses on</b>  Want to, get to, heartfelt obedience
<b>The Law relies on</b>  Flesh—man's resources	<b>Grace relies on</b>  Spirit—Christ's indwelling life
<b>The Law increases</b>  Sin that destroys	<b>Temptation increases</b>  Grace to overcome
<b>The Law creates</b>  Bondage, duty, and obligation	<b>Grace creates</b>  Freedom, joy, and new desires
<b>The Law makes us</b>  Conscious of sin	<b>Grace makes us</b>  Conscious of righteousness
<b>The Law lives from the</b>  Outside - in	<b>Grace lives from the</b>  Inside - out
<b>The Law declares</b>  "Do to be"	<b>Grace declares</b>  "You are, therefore, do"
<b>The Law produces</b>  Condemnation, guilt, and fear	<b>Grace produces</b>  Justification, peace, and confidence
<b>The Law leads to</b>  Defeat and depression	<b>Grace leads to</b>  Victory and hope

