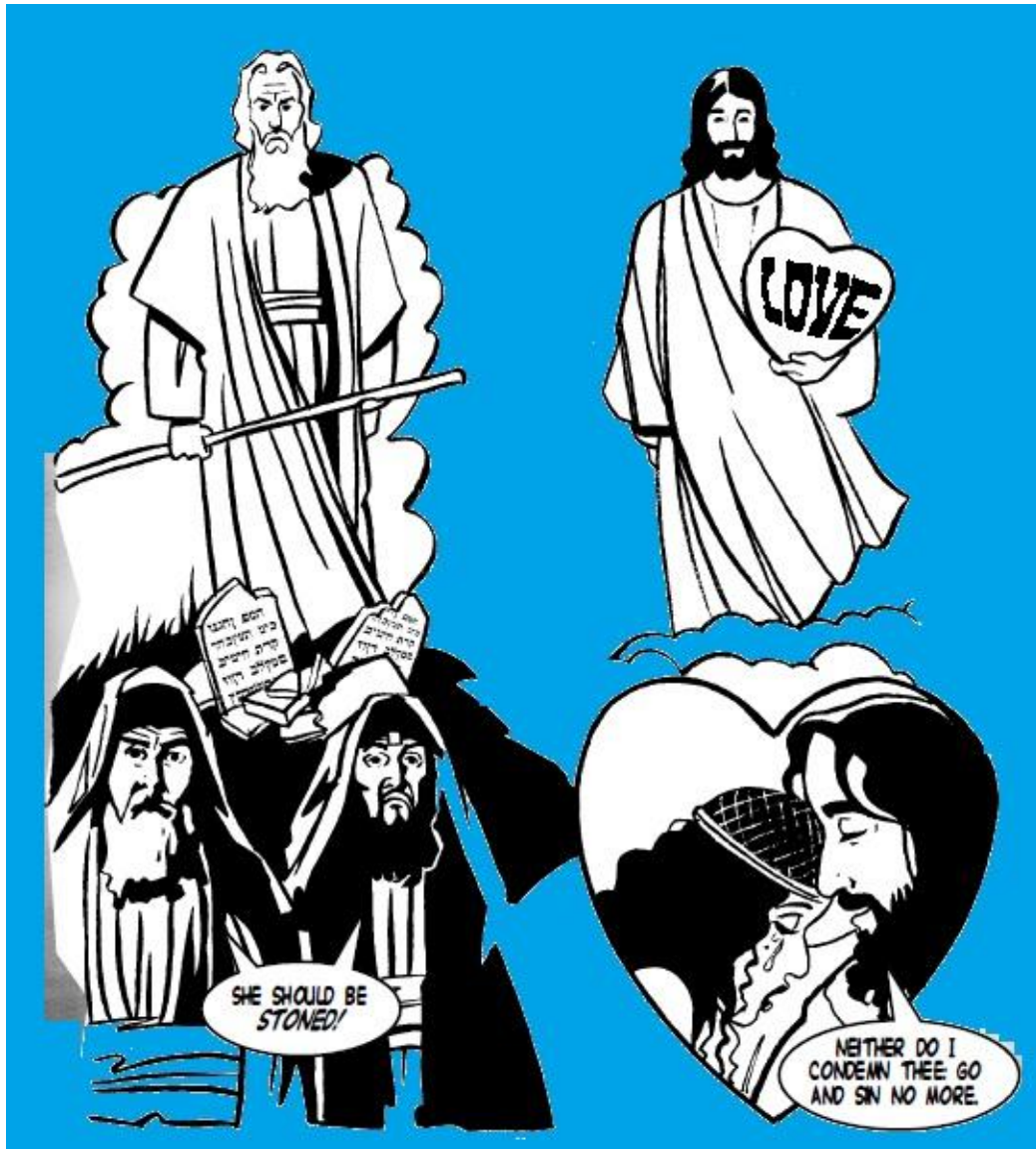


AMAZING GRACE!

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In the beginning God created man to freely and willingly choose to love and obey Him as his grateful, thankful children. He really preferred the whole thing by grace and faith to begin with, and there were very few rules, very few laws, everything was to be done voluntarily out of love. That was His original plan.

But as man became more and more disobedient and wicked, God had to give them more and more laws and rules, and regulations, these laws were not made for the righteous, because the righteous doesn't harm or do wrong to his neighbour, the righteous one loves, but they were made for the wrong doers, the evil people, the wicked. (Note from Andres Nueva Vida: *Of course that sometimes when our ego comes out to shine very clearly, the laws fulfill their perfect mission with us deterring us to harm others*) The laws were given for the people who do not have love, who do evil, unloving, harmful things. The Bible says that *"The law is not made for the righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly, and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for men slayers."* 1 Timothy 1:9.

What do you have to do with the wild animal, a ravenous beast that might bite you or destroy you? You have to either put him in a cage, or kill him. Well, wicked evil man is like a wild animal. Look at the atrocities and cruelties that some of those guerrillas and terrorists and the present governments are committing in some places, even wild animals would hardly do things like that.

So because man didn't follow grace and faith and love, God had to crack down with the rules, the cage of the law for the transgressors, but the rules couldn't save man. They only showed him where he was wrong. *"For by the deeds of the law there shall not flesh be justified in God's sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin."* Romans 3:20.

In fact it is impossible for anyone to be good according to the law of Moses, the Mosaic law makes everyone of us a sinner, because not one of us can keep it. The law was only our teacher, our instructor or school master to show us that we are sinners, to bring us to God for mercy, and to show us His absolute perfection and perfect righteousness, which was impossible for us to attain. *"Wherefore the law was our school master to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith."* Galatians 3:24.

The Scripture says that *the Lord loveth a cheerful giver* (2 Corinthians 9:10), He far prefers that we willingly and cheerfully obey Him and do what He asks, with the right loving motivation, because we want to do what's right and because we love Him and others, rather than just because we are forced us to obey, or have

to obey, because it's the law, or because of fear of punishment, or fear of judgment, etc.

In fact, God would have preferred to have trusted His people, His children with more freedom, if they had been more humble, and honest, and had more love and consideration, and unselfishness, and thoughtfulness, a real concern for others, not wanting to hurt anybody, and just wanting to help everybody. *"For where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."* 2 Corinthians 3:17. But usually he hasn't been able to, because most people just aren't that unselfish, or loving, or thoughtful.

Freedom and liberty are God's ideal, His ultimate, His plan from the beginning, and it's almost like He's been trying to bring His people step by step out of bondage toward this goal through the ages. He brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt, but then they were in bondage to the harsh and rigid rules of Moses, the law; then along came Jesus with His grace, mercy, forgiveness, love and truth, our Salvation. *"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."* John 1:17. He came and showed us that Salvation and true righteousness was not by works but by grace, that the Lord is also Lord of *the Sabbath, and that it was made for man, not man for the Sabbath*, Mark 2:27, 28

Thus the Early Christians were liberated spiritually, they found spiritual freedom, but there were still somewhat in bondage to some of the old customs, traditions and laws which were hangovers from their Jewish past and their background that they couldn't quite shake. Remember the first Christian church was just coming out of the Jewish church, and they almost had to make a compromise, because some of them were still under the bondage of the old law, and weren't able to break completely free, but Jesus himself never gave them any laws, except the law of love.

When the self-righteous hypocritical religious leaders questioned Him, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? He replied, *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it; thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."* Matthew 22:37-39 He even shot them by continuing to say, *"On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."* Matthew 22:40.

They had thousands of religious laws, but Jesus told them that they now only needed to love God and love others. That's all. He said, "In these is the whole book". He threw the book on them, all the law and all the prophets, the works. Jesus said that this one simple law, love, is all the law as well as all the prophets. That's a pretty broad coverage! That takes in the entire Old Testament, the Law and the Prophets, Jesus said, That's the whole works, the whole Bible! That's all the law, love! In other words, If you love God, and you love others, What do you need with any other laws? You're not going to hurt anybody, you're not going to be selfish, you're not going to do anything that will hurt anybody else.

(Note from Andres Nueva Vida: *The law in many cases acts as a safeguard or gauge that we are walking the path of love. We will always need the law as a confirmation that we are loving and we are not harming anyone, we who have the Spirit of the law of Love.*)

The Bible says, "*The fruit of the Spirit is love. Against such love there is no law.*" Galatians 5:22,23. Against pure love, the love of God, the unselfish, sacrificial love of God and your fellow man, there is no law of God! Jesus said, "*I've not come to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill.*" Matthew 5:17. And by fulfilling it, He ended it! Therefore we are no longer required to keep the ritualistic laws and traditions of Moses. (Note from Andres Nueva Vida: *Thank God no more more Jewish rites and traditions to follow, nevertheless many moral laws of the Old Testament, due to their loving nature, yet will always continue to be for us good guidelines to follow*)

"*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.*" Romans 10:4. By the old law, God showed man that he couldn't make it on his own. By His new law of love, God showed that he was even more righteous than the old law. He had even more love, and more mercy, and now you must have more love, more goodness, more righteousness, more than justice, you must have mercy.

Jesus said to the self-righteous hypocritical religious leaders "*Go ye and learn what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice.*" Matthew 9:13. In other words, God's idea of righteousness is not the self-righteous, holy-than-thou hypocrite who tries to earn merit with God through dutiful sacrificial keeping of the law, God's idea of righteousness is just the opposite, the pitiful, helpless, lost,

humble, loving, sinful sinner who knows he can't make it on his own, and knows he needs God and His grace and mercy.

Through God's law of love we are free from the bondage of the old ritualistic laws, through love! It's the liberating law of love that gives life, not the enslaving *"letter of the law that killeth"* (2nd Corinthians 3:6), *"There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."* Romans 8:1,2.

God's grace through Jesus' law of love is the end of the old ritualistic and unforgiving laws. Paul preached sermon after sermon, and wrote letter after letter showing that the old law was finished! That the old ritualistic and unforgiving laws were finished. They were done with, period. The Mosaic ritualistic and unforgiving law is done away with for the Christian who is living under grace and is under the law of love.

Now we are delivered from the law, and we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. Now all things are lawful to those who are living under God's law of love. Romans 7:6, Galatians 3:17, 1 Corinthians 6:12.

The Ten Commandments are secondary after the law of Jesus, the law of love, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbour as thyself. (Matthew 22: 36-39). Of course, this infuriated the Jews of Jesus' day, and the religious leaders who said of His doctrine, *"This is against Moses, and against the law!"* Acts 6:13,14, 21:28. This was the most raging controversy between Jesus and the Jews, it was also the most raging controversy between Saint Paul and the legalists, the Pharisees, the converted Jews who said, "Yes, we know, we now believe in Jesus, but we still have to keep all the old law." But according to Jesus himself, and every book of the New Testament, God's children today are no longer under the ritualistic and unforgiving laws of Moses, we are under grace, and under love, for us the old ritualistic and unforgiving law is gone forever! Thank God! We now only have to keep God's law of love! His Royal law, love!

The ritualistic and unforgiving laws of Moses are no more for the believer in Jesus, we now only have the law of Jesus, God's Royal law, love! *"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself!"* Galatians 5:14. *"Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to*

you, do ye even so to them. For this is the law and the prophets.” Matthew 7:12. We are to owe no man any thing but to love one another, for he that loveth another has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8.

If you have love, you have everything, you are fulfilling all the laws of God. Those ritualistic laws don't exist as far as we are concerned. The law is only to regulate the ungodly, as He says in 1 Timothy 1:9, and by which the unrighteous who are violating God's law of love will be judged. *“God is love.” 1 John 4:8. And for those who are filled with His Spirit of love, love is the spirit of the rule, “For if ye be led of the Spirit, you are not under the law.” Galatians 5:18. “If ye fulfill the royal law, according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well.” James 2:8.*

“Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all the glory of God!” 1 Corinthians 3:17. 10:31. That's our rule, God's rule. What are the greatest commandments? Love God with all your heart, love your neighbour as yourself. Therefore whatsoever ye do in the unselfish, sacrificial love of Jesus, is right and lawful, whatever you do in love is the law, and that's all, that's it. God's Royal law is love. We are totally utterly free of the old ritualistic Mosaic law, we are delivered from the old, unforgiving Mosaic law, and no longer bound by it, we are free.

(Note by Andres Nueva Vida: Many Mosaic moral laws, such as the ones in the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20, will always be of great value, because they gauge how much love we are giving, and how much we are following the Royal law of love, they are a manifestation of the Spirit of love that we have. Moreover, only the love of Christ in our hearts enables us to fulfill them in the Spirit!)

But in another way, His law is the most binding law of all, because God's law of love not only says “You can't steal, you can't kill, you can't do this, you can't do that, etc.” but that you've also got to love everybody, which is one of the hardest things of all to do! So, in many ways, the law of love is even more strict than the Mosaic law. The Ten Commandments said we were just to do that, we just need to be righteous, but under Jesus' law of love we are to do more than justice and righteousness, we are to have love and mercy. Love is more than righteousness, and mercy is greater than justice. So the law of love is greater, and we are to be more kind, and the more forgiving.

In the Mosaic law there was virtually no forgiving, and it was *“An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.”* Exodus 21:24. Leviticus 24:20. The law said that if you knock my eye or my tooth, I’m allowed to knock out yours, but Jesus says to *do unto others as you want them to do to you.* Matthew 7:12. Not just whatever they do to you, but what you want them to do to you. This is love.

Jesus just went right down the line in Matthew when he said, *“In the law it is written so and so, but I say unto you,...”* And told them something entirely different, He said, *“But I say unto you, love your enemies, forgive them,”* Matthew 5:38-44. That’s the law of love, which shows it’s even greater and stricter than the old Mosaic law.

Jesus’ law is much stricter, much more difficult to keep, in fact, impossible. If the old law was impossible, Jesus’ law is even more impossible! That’s why He says, *“Without me, ye can do nothing.”* John 15:5. But He also says that *we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us.* Philippians 4:13. For *“His grace is sufficient for us.”* *“His strength is made perfect in our weakness”* 2 Corinthians 12:9. You can’t possibly keep His law of love unless you are saved, and you have Jesus in your heart, the Spirit of God’s love within you to give you the power and the strength, and to love others more than you love yourself! To love your enemies, to bless them that curse you, to do good to them that hate you, and to pray for them that spitefully use you and persecute you. Matthew 5:44.

We have to receive Jesus first, then His Spirit in us will cause us to do the humanly impossible, love God and man, thus fulfilling all the law and the prophets, praise God!

We have a truly graceful salvation, and a graceful life of love, for the Lord, full of grace! It has nothing to do with our own sinlessness, or any kind of perfection, or self-works, or law-keeping of our own; we all make mistakes, we all sin, and any righteousness we have is only the grace of God, it’s only his love and His mercy, and His grace!

So as the apostle Paul said for the loving and liberated followers of Jesus, *“ All things are lawful to us, but not all things are expedient.”* 1 Corinthians 6:12. We have been freed from the bondage of the old ritualistic law, and the condemnation of sin by the liberating law of love in Christ Jesus. After all, What was the idea and purpose of the old Mosaic law against adultery? Even behind the

old laws, there was the love of God, and His desire for keep people from hurting each other and damaging each other, either physically or otherwise even their feelings!

So if we're keeping God's law of love then we'll try not to hurt anybody, we'll do our best to try to live in love, to help people without hurting them. This is the difference between lust and love, lust is merely gratifying your own greedy and selfish appetite, like eating a meal, you may need it, but if you're stealing it from someone else, and taking the food out of their mouth, to stuff your own, this is selfish lust, not love! But if you're taking the food out of your own mouth, and giving your own meat to satisfy and feed another who is hungry and starving and needs it desperately, and might not survive without it, this is real love! (John 15:13)

It's all really judged by your motives, by your heart, God now only judges us according to whether we have love or selfishness and lack of love!

Nevertheless the Scripture also warns us that whatsoever is not of faith, is sin. Romans 14:23. If you think something is a sin, or you believe it is unlawful, then to you it is sin and unlawful. An awful lot has to do with your own spiritual and mental attitude, it's all in how you approach things, and whether you do things by faith and love, faith which worketh by love. As the Scripture says in Galatians 5:6, *"Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth."* Romans 14:22. It will make you happier if you are not doing things which you don't feel condemned, or guilty, or have a guilt complex, things that you are not sure are right. In fact, if you are afraid, maybe it's wrong, then it is wrong for you.

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." Psalm 119: 18. His Word will give you faith. Of course, Jesus in His life and ministry was very free and he broke the Mosaic and Jewish traditions time and time again, and even when you read some of the things that Jesus said, you need to remember to whom he was talking, the Jews, and what law they were under then, the Mosaic law, that he was trying to preach that which they understood, and trying to convict them with their own Scriptures, their own law.

The Scripture says that Jesus *"blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, -the law- which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way,*

nailing it to His cross.” Colossian 2:14. It was on the cross, at the very end of His ministry on Earth that He proclaimed, *“It is finished!”* (John 19:30).

As we explained it in the beginning of this lesson, each age or generation of the church has taken another step, or some new step toward freedom, from the harsh restrictions of the law, to a greater freedom of love, through the grace of God, from material symbolisms and mechanized ceremonialism to spiritual realities and total spiritual liberty in Heaven. *“The spirits of just men made perfect”* (Hebrews 12:23)

We are in a new day, a new time, and God has given us His Word for this day and this time, and just like the early church, and the dawning of the Christian era was a total change that totally outdated and outmoded and overthrew the legalism and bondage of the Mosaic ritualistic and unforgiving era, so we today are having to cast away again all of the old ritualistic and unforgiving traditions, conventions, and holier-than-thou self-righteousness of the church system of today. It’s again a whole new dispensation of grace regarding rituals -except communion- through Jesus and His Salvation and the freedom of the Spirit by the grace of God we are getting closer to the freedom of the Garden of Eden, and that’s the only way anyone can really get back to such freedom, the original freedom, sinlessness, perfection, liberty and openness of the Garden by first getting back to perfect fellowship and a relationship with God and belief in His Word, faith in Him and in His Creation, the only way we can possibly regain the spiritual freedom and the liberty that Adam and Eve had in the Garden, the total freedom from guilt and bondage to the law is to find God and to be led by His Spirit to know the truth of His Word that all those old ritualistic and unforgiving Mosaic laws are all gone, and totally superseded by the love of Christ and the Spirit of love.

Are you so ruled by His love that you naturally fulfill the rules? Or do you have to be kept under the law of works because you cannot be trusted with the liberty of His grace? The answer is up to you!

(Note from Andres Nueva Vida: *Take a good look, according to your own personal weaknesses, at what aspects of your life still require the cage of the law in you, since God created it for this, to safeguard us from our personal evils and iniquities that show up naturally when we least expect it). We could say that at*

some point in our lives, especially when we fall asleep spiritually, we all need to be reminded of the law and its consequence for the disobedient).

Have you accepted God's love in Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior ? Do you have God's Spirit of Jesus in your heart? Do you love Him and others as much as you do yourself ? Do you do unto others as you would have them do unto you? If so, you are free from the old dead, ritualistic and unforgiving Mosaic laws. Now all you must do is to keep Jesus' laws based on love, but they are greater and stricter than even the old Mosaic law, because now everything you do must be done in His love! You must have more mercy and love than the law! (Matthew 9:13)

But if you do not have Jesus and His love in your heart, you're still under all the old Mosaic law, guilty of all its infractions, and judged by the same! If you have rejected Jesus' love you are guilty of breaking all the old Mosaic laws, and will be judged accordingly. They are not passed away for you. So why not accept Jesus and His Royal law of love, and live free; otherwise you are bound, dead and damned by all the law of Moses.

Choose ye this day whom ye will serve! The law or Jesus? As for me and my house we will serve the Lord Jesus Christ and His living Royal law of love! How about you?