

Christ, the Law and the Gospel

“The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17)

When Christ cried “It is finished” from the cross, was he saying that the law was now done away with and grace has taken its place?

Name a story in which, the person deserved the punishment by law but Jesus gave grace.

Unraveling Antinomianism

Antinomianism refers to “interpretation of St. Paul that take his assessments of Jewish law as a rejection of all forms of law.”

The law and the gospel complement each other.

“God Forbid” (Romans 7:7)

“Do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts” (Romans 6:12)

Another popular claim is that Christ came to abolish the law because it was oppressive. However, Christ declared the law eternal. (Matthew 5:17-18)

Mitzvah (Hebrew word for “Commandment”) – to perform a mitzvah is to take the opportunity to do a good deed. Christ fulfilled the law by perfecting obeying it.

The gospel of good news was not to be interpreted as allowing men to live in continued rebellion against God by transgressing His just and holy law. God’s requirement under grace is just the same He made in Eden – perfect obedience to His law.



Conclude:

While many view God’s law as a condemning force, existing only to point out sins, people who are in Jesus learn to view it as a light. The law does not oppress us. Instead, it illuminates our lives so we can see areas in which we are not living like our Savior. Therefore, we cannot view the law as though it does not matter because it is an instrumental part of building a close relationship with Jesus. After all, even though we should be condemned for our sins, Jesus’s gift of dying on the cross gives us the glorious hope of a future! He is our key to heaven! Hallelujah!

Undeserved Grace

The first column contains a list of different categories of law. In the second column write down a specific offense in that category. In the third column rate which offence deserves the most grace, and in the last column, why you rated the offence that way.

Category of Law	Example of a broken law	How much grace is deserved? Rate 1-7, where 1 deserves the most grace	Why we chose this grace rating
Traffic and motoring offense	For example: going through a red light		
Child protection law			
Church Manual/Standards			
Criminal law			
Family/home rule			
International law			
Immigration law			