

## The Law or Grace?

Rom 8:14 — We are no longer under the letter of the Law, but we are led by the Spirit — that is, if we are the sons of God. Rom 8:4 — It is not that the requirement of the Law is no longer what the Holy Spirit leads the sons of God to do or keep, but we are under grace so we can keep the requirement of the Law as to what the Holy Spirit leads us to keep and do, just as Abraham did (Gen 26:5). He has put His law in our hearts.

Rom 7:4 — To bear fruit for God does not mean that what the Law says should be ignored, but the fruit of the Spirit is love, which fulfills the whole Law (Rom 13:8-10).

Rom 8:1 says it all in the NKJV, as confirmed in verse 4:

*<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit ... <sup>4</sup> that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Rom 8:1,4, NKJV)*

Mt 5:17 — The Law is still there, but we are dead to the Law and alive to God, who fulfills the Law by love (Rom 8:1-4). Gal 3:10-14 — The purpose of the Law is made clear in Gal 3:21-25. We don't look at the Law in the flesh (Rom 8:5-9), but we are led by the Spirit (grace) to keep what is pleasing to our Father in our time and place. Things such as the Sabbath and circumcision (Jn 7:22) were all before the Law was given (Gen 26:5). Even the nations keep the natural law (Rom 2:12-13).

Whoever is *not* led by the Spirit will *not* keep the requirement of the Law or the commandments, such as the Sabbath. Gal 2:19-21 — The most important thing is that a person be led by the Spirit, for only they are the sons of God (Rom 8:7-9; 11:14-17,19). We don't get the Law out and read every jot and tittle and try to obey it, nor do we get the Law out and nullify it (Mt 5:17-18). That would mean you are led by Satan's spirit, not God's Spirit. That is the spirit Christians are led by to even imagine they have passed out of death and into eternal life just because Jn 5:24 says it. If they were led by the Spirit of God they would know it is only by 1 Jn 3:14 (1 Jn 5:13; 2:4; Jn 9:41).

So remember, we died to the Law — that is, we died to the curse of just being under the Law without the grace to fulfill its requirement. We were born of the Spirit in order to keep the Law of God. Mt 5:17-19 — This is why also we keep and do fulfill both the Law and the Prophets. Isa 49:6 is prophecy, and those twelve tribes will fulfill the Law by the Spirit who dwells in them.

So you can see why Christians have such a perverted view on the Law. They utterly ignore the Law, as if God had gone against the Word of God Himself in Mt 5:17-24.