

# Howards Corner

## ***Have you come as a Servant or as a Son?***

If you have read any of my teachings on salvation by grace and my teachings of why we are not under the law, then this is another way for me to show you a way to understand and be set free from the law of sin and death. Come let us reason together for I so want you to be set free and operate in the spirit of Christs law of love and peace and joy and not the letter of the law.

Let us look at trying to obey the law as it is written. Let us look at the 10 commandments for a moment. To try to do this you first have to be a Jew for the Christian was never under the law or you believe the Lord Jesus is who He said He was and died to save you from your sins and you think he has also required you to live by the law. To operate under the law, you must always keep every part of the law. If you fail to keep even one point of the law, then you have violated the whole law. Do you think you can do this?

If then you have violated even one point, then the law places guilt upon you and you are convicted of sin and cannot know the freedom of grace. Will God now take away your salvation because you missed in one point? If you are operating in a servant mentality, then you will always be in quilt and regrets and not have true peace. Paul says that the purpose of the law was to show you what sin is.

Peter said in Acts 15 that we are not under the law but are under grace and that we that are Jews cannot keep the law ourselves so why do we try to put this burden on the gentiles. Read the whole account in Acts chapter 15.

So, if you insist on putting yourself under the law then you are a servant and not a son. For a master would require that his servants obey his instructions, or they would be punished or be sold off to another master. A servant always has a boundary wall from the family. They may have a good relationship, but it is not the same as being a member of the family.

For the purpose of this writing, I will take one law and look at it and expand it to look at the law as Servant and then as Son. Let us look at what might happen to the law of keeping the Sabbath. The law says that on “the Sabbath you shall do no work

and none of your servants or maidservants or animals or an alien dwelling in your house shall do any work". The servant obeys this law.

Now what if your neighbor's house is flooded and all his belongings are being ruined but this happens on the Sabbath. What are you to do? Shall you go help your neighbor or say to him "I am sorry I can not help you because God has forbidden me to do any work on the Sabbath". This is the answer of the Servant. The Son however would go immediately with all that are in his house and help any way needed. The Son would have no guilt but gladly help his neighbor.

Jesus said it in a different way. To the Pharisee He said, "Would you not go and pull you oxen out of the ditch on the Sabbath?" This then is the Son's way which is by the spirit of the law. If we are following Jesus' teachings then we are operating under His law of love, peace and joy as given to us by the Holy Spirit.

So why am I so concerned about this confusion of the Law verses Grace? I see a confused church congregation because they are operating neither under law or grace but are trying to split the difference and live a divided Christian life. They have not discovered the freedom of living as sons and not as servants. I hear questions and comments about what can I do on the Sabbath? My answer is live under the spirit of sonship and go about doing good.

You have been set free from the law of sin and death and been given a new spirit of Sonship in Christ Jesus. What is your decision? Are you going to live as a Servant or a Son?

**It is my hope that you will discover the Joy of living as a Son.**

**Your brother in Christ**

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