

*"I **do not frustrate** the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the Law, then Christ is dead in vain." Galatians 2:21 KJV*



If you're depending on your good deeds to make it to heaven, you frustrate the grace of God. How do you know what good is if not those moral values based in the Law given to Moses; written in stone by the finger of God? All attempts at righteousness are nothing more than trying to keep the Ten Commandments. If you break even one, you are guilty of the whole. *"For whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is GUILTY OF ALL. Sin is the transgression of the Law. The wages of sin is death."* God's Grace brings His love and mercy to all who will receive it through faith in His Word alone. You can't earn salvation, only receive it. Trying to work your way to heaven is like a slave working to earn freedom. Like a slave's freedom, salvation is a mandated gift. It can only be given and accepted. *"NOT by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us. For God so loved the world, that He GAVE His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* The Law was given to display the standard of God's Holiness, so that Christ could demonstrate in His flesh the righteousness of God. Jesus said, *"Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."* The standard still stands immutable. I must be clothed by grace through faith with the righteousness of Christ. *"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe. Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His Blood. For by GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that NOT of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."* If you buy it, it's not a gift!

Good works will surely damn the soul,
For one small sin breaks Law in whole,
But faith in Christ brings life and more,
And opens all of heaven's doors. ~CGP

Faith's Law says, "Believe God." Quit trying to earn your freedom and just accept His offer through faith in Christ. *"A man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."* You don't have to try and be a "Jones" if you are born a "Jones" You simply ARE a "Jones." Children of God can be good or bad, but they're still children of God and He will deal with those that sin. *"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."* If you sin without a thought and enjoy it without correction from God, you neither know nor belong to Him! *"And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep (obey) His Commandments. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, IS A LIAR, and the Truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him."* While it is true we can never repay our Benefactor, after we receive His gracious gift, let us walk worthy of the KING. *"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father.'" If you're a prince, quit living like a slave!*

"He came unto His own, and His own received him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:11-13 KJV