

Firm Foundations

5) Grace

***'...those who receive
abundance of grace and of the
gift of righteousness will reign
in life through the One, Jesus
Christ'***

(Rom.5:17)

Misconceptions about the Law and Grace

**1) 'The Law will help me to live
a better life'**

*'For sin, taking occasion by the
commandment, deceived me,
and by it killed me'*
(Rom.7:11)

***'For when we were in the flesh,
the sinful passions which were
aroused by the law were at
work in our members to bear
fruit to death'***

(Rom.7:5)

***'But sin, taking opportunity by
the commandment, produced in
me all manner of evil desire.***

***For apart from the law
sin was dead'***

(Rom.7:8)

*'For what the law could not do
in that it was weak through the
flesh...'*

(Rom.8:3a)

'For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find'

(Rom.7:18)

**2) 'I believe in grace; but it
must be balanced with law'**

'And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work'

(Rom.11:6)

***'For I am not ashamed of the
gospel of Christ, for it is the
power of God to salvation for
everyone who believes, for the
Jew first and also for the Greek'***

(Rom.1:16)

**3) 'Grace is just a
license to sin'**

***'For the grace of God that brings
salvation has appeared to all
men, teaching us that, denying
ungodliness and worldly lusts,
we should live soberly,
righteously, and godly in the
present age...***

...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works'

(Titus 2:11-14)

***'For sin shall not have dominion
over you, for you are not under
law but under grace'***

(Rom.6:14)

***'For the law of the Spirit of life in
Christ Jesus has made me free
from the law of sin and death'***

(Rom.8:2)

4) 'I believe in grace, but we still have to do our part'

'Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent"'

(John 6:29)

***'I have been crucified with Christ;
it is no longer I who live, but
Christ lives in me; and
the life which I now live in the
flesh I live by faith in the Son of
God, who loved me and gave
Himself for me'***

(Gal.2:20)

**5) 'If you want God's blessing,
there's a price to pay'**

*'Blessed be the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us with every spiritual
blessing in the heavenly places in
Christ'*

(Eph.1:3)

***'...His divine power has given to us
all things that pertain to life and
godliness...'***

(2 Pet.1:3)

'He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?'

(Rom.8:32)

**6) 'With grace there is no
motive to give, serve and
obey'**

'But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me'

(1 Cor.15:10)