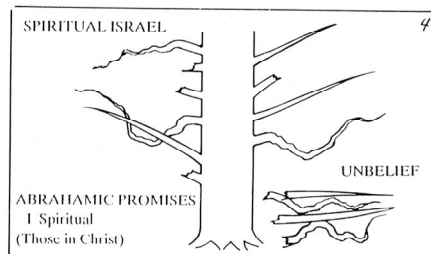
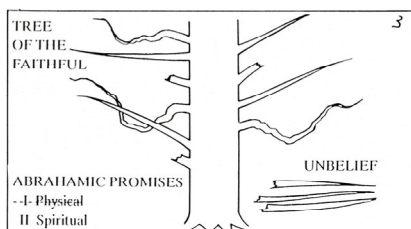
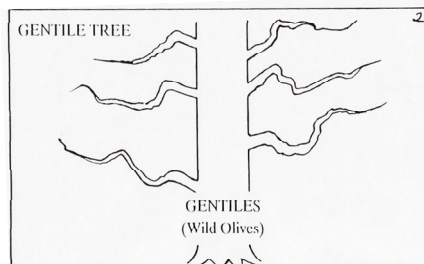
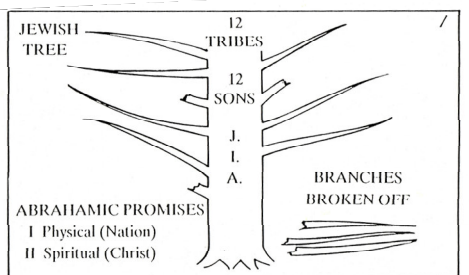


Law Versus Grace

Romans 3:21-26

Review of five propositions presented by Paul in Romans...

- Man justly condemned for sin. Romans 1:18ff; 2:21; 3:23
- Law is not the remedy. Romans 6-7
- Grace is the remedy. Romans 3:19; cf. Galatians 3:11
- Grace available through faith. Romans 5:1-2
- Salvation “in Christ” by grace is for Jew and Gentile alike. Romans 9-11



Under Law All Are Guilty

- All under law. Romans 4:15; 5:13
- Consequences of violating God's law
 - Death. Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 6:23; Genesis 2:16-17
- Only way to be justified under a system of law is to keep it perfectly. Galatians 3:11; James 2:10-11
 - Yet all have sinned. Romans 3:23
- THEREFORE, all deserve to die! Grace needed!!

UNDER LAW ... ALL ARE GUILTY Note again Romans 3:19

A. All are amenable to law. cf. Romans 4:15; 1 John 3:4

B. Law our "schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" (Galatians 3:24)
Law makes us aware of our need for mercy.

UNDER LAW ... ALL ARE GUILTY Note again Romans 3:19

Law makes you aware that you are less than perfect. cf. Romans 3:19-20

a. NOTE: "That every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law..."

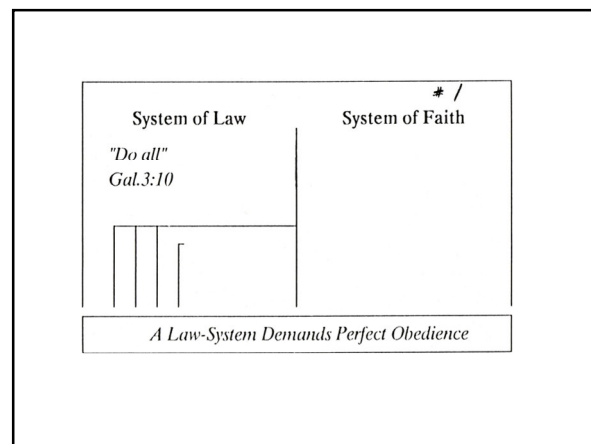
(1) No article here "THE". "Therefore by the deeds of law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight."

The contrast is seen in Romans 3:22-26

1. All have sinned; therefore, we cannot claim justification on a law basis, for no one has kept any law perfectly. cf. Romans 1,2,3.
2. NOTE THE GRAMMAR "For all have sinned..." (Greek - already sinned.) "All have come short..." (Greek - They are still coming short) they are still sinning.
3. Therefore we are saved by grace, not on the basis of law.
 - a. Obedience yet necessary ... Romans 4:1-4 Example of Abraham. Verses 19-22; James 2:21-23
 - (1) If you were justified on a works (or law) basis, you could brag about it, but no one can do that ... Romans 3:23ff.

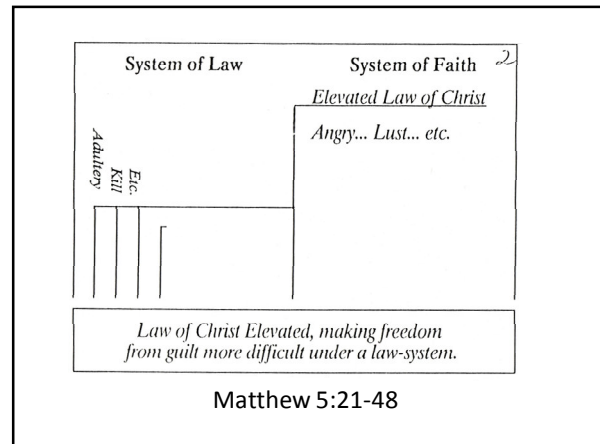
The contrast is seen in Galatians 3:8-10

1. God would justify the Gentiles (nations) by faith, not through works of law.
2. As many as are of works of law are under the curse...
3. None keep God's law perfectly ... Therefore, we cannot be free of guilt on a basis of law...
 - a. Jews tried this and Jesus called them hypocrites. cf. Matthew 23:23.



Demands of Law

- Be perfect. Matthew 5:48
- Be holy. 1 Peter 1:15-16
- Be pure. 1 John 3:3
- Love, for God is love. 1 John 4:7
- Be merciful as God is merciful. Luke 6:36
- If these are carried to the absolute, where does that put you??? Hopeless!



BUT, we have a new system, a new covenant. Hebrews 8:7-12

- **Perfect obedience versus Forgiveness of sins. This is why Christ died on the cross.**
- 1. Romans 4 and Galatians 3 teach the same. We are not justified by works of law.
 - a. Galatians 3:10-14
 - b. Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the **curse of the law**.

(1) Here is the curse of a law system, which demands absolute perfection ... You must measure up in every respect in order to be free of guilt.

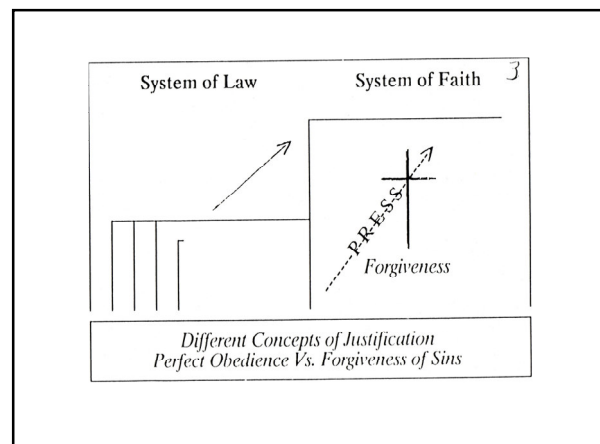
WE ARE JUSTIFIED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

Paul then contrasts law with "faith."
Galatians 3:13-14.

1. Christ died so that something could happen that had not happened before, so that man could be **forgiven of his sins. He became a curse for us that we might be redeemed from the curse of the law.**
2. How is this different from the law system?

Grace Offers Forgiveness. How?

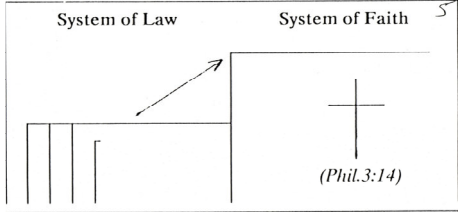
- God sent Christ to die for the sinner. 1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:4; cf. Matthew 11:28
- His death was preceded by a perfect life. Hebrews 4:15; 7:26-27; 1 Peter 2:21-22
- God's law was upheld. Romans 3:24-26
- At the same time provision was made for man's forgiveness. Hebrews 2:9,14,17; Romans 5:8-11, 19
- Certainly, this manifests the love of God to man. John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8



A Law System	A Grace System ⁴
<i>Works</i>	<i>Mercy</i>
<i>Perfect Obedience</i>	<i>Forgiveness</i>
<i>No Provision for Failure</i>	<i>Provision for Failure</i>

Galatians 3:13-14

System of Law	System of Faith ⁵
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Still Must Strive to Reach Perfect Standard but Failure Need Not Be Fatal -- Forgiveness Provided

**1 John 2:1-3; Romans 6:14; Galatians 6:2;
1 John 1:7-10**

Thus -- The Contrast in Terms ⁶

<i>Law</i>	Vs.	<i>Grace</i>
<i>Works</i>		<i>Faith</i>
<i>Merit</i>		<i>Promise</i>
<i>Rom.4:2-4, 14</i>		<i>Rom.4:16</i>

- Romans 4:12, 13-16 Repeating the point of verses 2,3,4, that Abraham did not obtain justification on the basis of works.
- Rom. 10:1-3 To seek justification on the basis of merit, as the Jews did, was to fail.
- *Romans 10:4 "For Christ is the end of the law unto righteousness to every one that believeth."*