

The Torah & The Apostolic Scriptures, part 7

“you are not under law but under grace.”

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Refer to the last page: “How to Interpret Scripture”

Your notes:

Introduction: Romans 6:14

It is common practice to quote and hear your Pastor and friends tell you that, “didn’t you know that **you are not under the law but under grace**, after all, it is in the Scriptures as plain as day! Don’t contaminate your salvation with that Jewish stuff,” “You’re trying to put me back under that law stuff!”

Yeshua’s Disciples are to Read the Scriptures

When anyone quotes “**not under the law but under grace**” They should immediately ask for the context! Otherwise, you can make the Scripture say what you want it to say! For instance, the above quote infers that the law of God is not needed. In fact, it is pitting God’s law against the God’s Grace!

Let us slow down and re-examine our thoughts, do we “know God,” do we understand “the context,” or are we truly reading YHVH’s Word.

It becomes apparent, that anyone who concurs with this interpretation does not “know God,” does not understand “the context,” and lastly is just not reading.

Do we *truly* believe His Words though we claim to know YHVH?

- What did He say about Shabbat, Festivals, etc.
- Who has the authority to confront YHVH on the day of judgment?

Real faith is measured by obedience.

"YHVH is unchanging in his character, will, and covenant promises."

1. **“For I the LORD [YHVH] do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed”** Malachi 3:6 ESV.
They were NOT consumed, because YHVH did NOT change!

2. “They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, **you are the same, and your years have no end.**” Psalms 102:26,27 ESV.
3. “**Forever, O LORD [YHVH], your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.**” Psalms 119:89 ESV.
4. “**Jesus Christ [Yeshua HaMashiach] is the same yesterday and today and forever.**” Hebrews 13:8 ESV.
5. “like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. **But you are the same, and your years will have no end.**” Hebrews 1:12 ESV.
6. So, when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise “**the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.**” Hebrews 6:17,18 ESV.
7. “Every good gift and every perfect gift are from above, coming down from **the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.**” James 1:17 ESV.
8. “**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**” John 1:1 ESV.
9. “**God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?**” Num 23:19 ESV.
10. “remember the former things of old; **for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’**” Isaiah 46:9-10 ESV.
11. “And yet he is wise and brings disaster; “**he does not call back his words but will arise against the house of the evildoers & against the helpers of those who work iniquity.**” Is 31:2 ESV.
12. “**I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.**” Ecclesiastes 3:14 ESV.

13. “You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD [YHVH] your God that I command you.” Deut 4:2 ESV.

14. ¹⁸“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book,” Rev 22:18-19 ESV.

15. ³“And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴Whoever says “I know Him” but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: ⁶whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.” 1 John 2:3-6 ESV.

YHVH gave the Commandments at Mt Sinai. Since these words came out of YHVH’s mouth, how can man change YHVH’s Words and call himself righteous?

Questions to ponder:

1. Does YHVH’s Torah still stand? *Yes, because He is eternal.*
2. Do YHVH’s Commands live today? Are they relevant to us today?
3. Do we think YHVH will notice disobey & don’t follow His instructions?
4. Did YHVH change the New Covenant?
5. Did He abolish His Torah?
 - a. Why do we think YHVH taught so much about sin and His Torah? Does He require anything of us?

Let us read the context of Romans 6:14

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:12-14 ESV

Slaves to Righteousness

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord [YHVH]. Romans 6:15-23 ESV.

“How to Interpret Scripture”

Three things to always apply when studying Scripture:

1. *Contextually* – study Scripture within the context of the entire Bible.
 2. *Literally* – read Scripture literally – what do the words actually mean.
 3. *Historically* – understand Scripture within its historical/chronological context.
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The character of Yeshua according to His Word:

1. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, & forever,” [Heb 13:8; Malachi 3:6]
 2. “God is not a man that He should lie,” [Num 23:19; Heb 6:18]
 3. Do not add or subtract from the Scriptures, [Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19]
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Key Scriptures to Interpret the Bible

Matt 28:18-20 – this is after His resurrection.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing

them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matt 28:18-20

Acts 1:6-8 – after Yeshua’s resurrection, He spoke to His disciples about the restoration of Israel.

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord [YHVH], will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:6-8

John 3:36 – John stated that obedience is key to eternal life:

³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. John 3:36

1John 2:3-6 - the Apostle John asked, “Do you really know God?”:

³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 1John 2:3-6

[Note: Yeshua perfectly kept (obeyed & followed) every word in the Torah; we also need to do the same. And, therefore, we need to stop sinning.]

Timeline

Pre-30AD - <i>Rabbinic tradition</i>	30AD – <i>Resurrection / Pentecost</i>	40AD – <i>Peter’s vision & Cornelius (Acts 10)</i>	50AD – <i>Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)</i>	325AD – <i>Council of Nicaea</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oral Law ○ Customs of Moses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to <u>Jews only</u> who came up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 years after Pentecost ○ Outpouring of Holy Spirit on <u>Gentiles only</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 years after Acts 10 ○ Jerusalem Council – discussion about Gentiles’ salvation & circumcision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under the auspices of Constantine ○ Only Gentile bishops were allowed – Jews could not attend