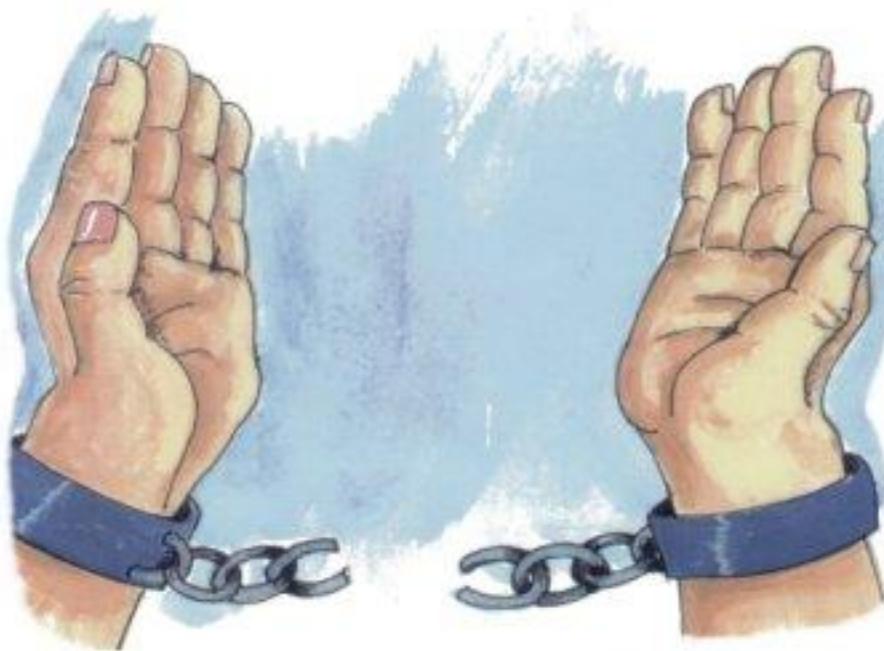


Receiving Grace



“For I, through the law, am dead to the law,
that I might live unto God”

Galatians 2:19

Romans 5:17

“For if by the one man’s offense death reigned by the one...

MUCH MORE...

those who ***RECEIVE***...

the *abundance of grace*...

And the *gift of righteousness*...

shall “REIGN” in life **by the One, Jesus Christ!**”

Romans 5:17

REDEMPTIVE HISTORY IN ONE VERSE

In Adam



Death

In Christ



Reign in Life

Key Verb - "Receive"

1) Gift of Righteousness
(Identity)

2) Abundance of Grace

Identity + Grace = Reign

Identity + No Grace = Bondage (ought, must, should)

No Identity + Grace = License (I'm free, I'm free)

No Identity + No Grace
= Empty, Driven

We must gain understanding in both our righteous identity and grace in order to reign in life (be free to be who we are),

And we are the children of God,

Sons and daughters of the King

i.e. the princes and princesses of the Kingdom of God

I used to believe:

The church had a good theology of grace
but a poor application of grace!

I NOW BELIEVE:

The church has a POOR understanding of grace which
leads to a poor application of grace!

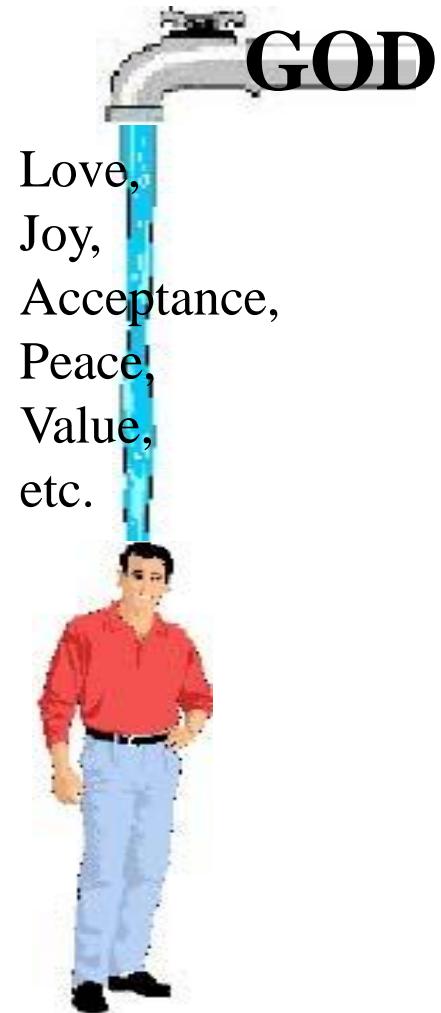
WHAT IS GRACE?

Unmerited Favor of God

God's Riches at Christ's Expense

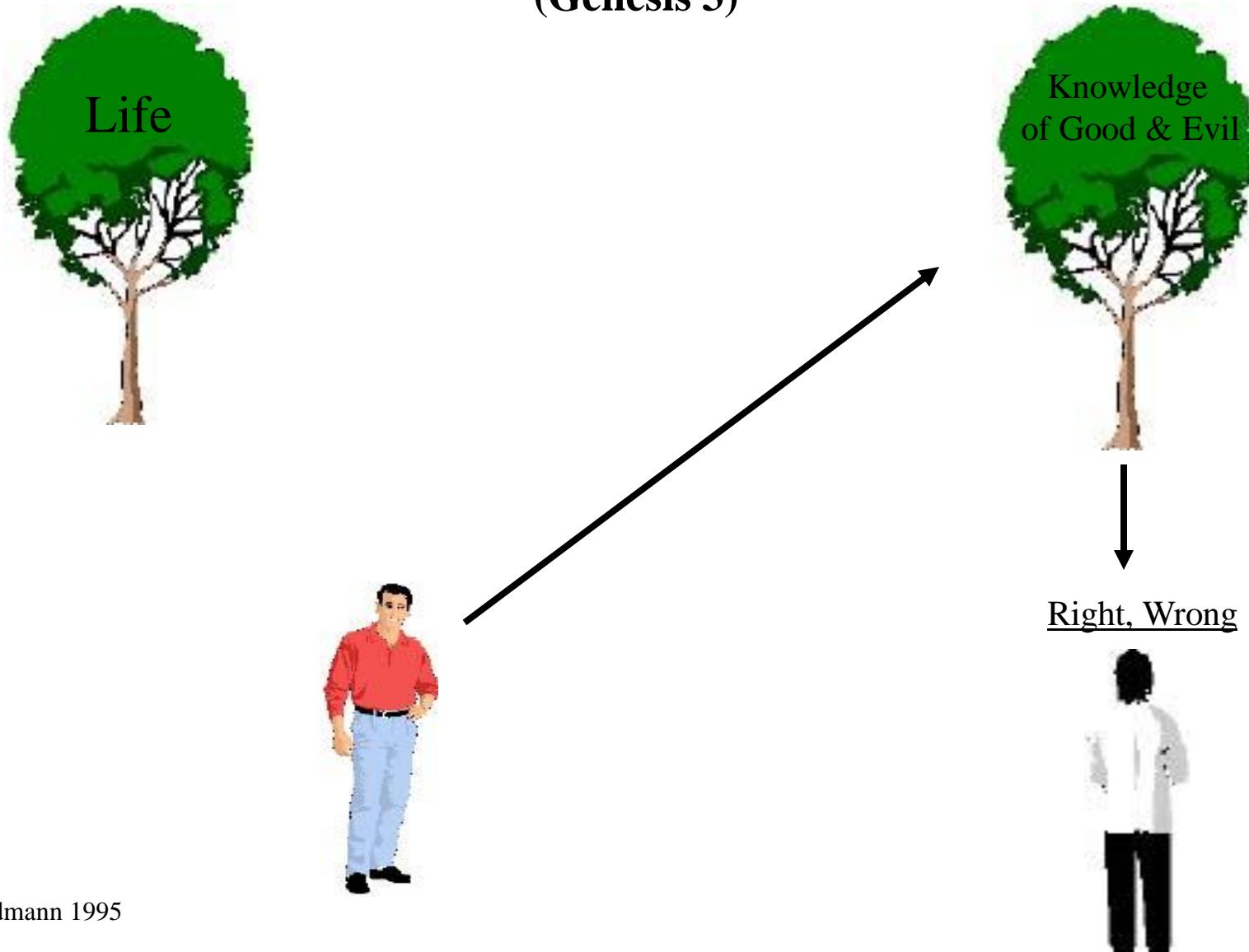
Grace is being delivered
from the economy
of performing,
and placed instead
into an economy of receiving,
 ALL that God is
 to all that we need
 at the moment of faith
in the Person and Work of Jesus!

MAN IN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD



THE BEGINNING OF THE LAW AS A SYSTEM

(Genesis 3)

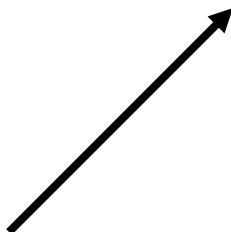


ADAM TO MOSES

GOD
Holy
Perfect
Good



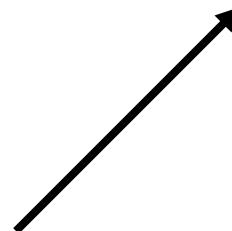
Man's Goal
To be like God...
Holy, Perfect, Good



IN RESPONSE, GOD GAVE THE LAW TO SHOW MAN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE LIKE GOD

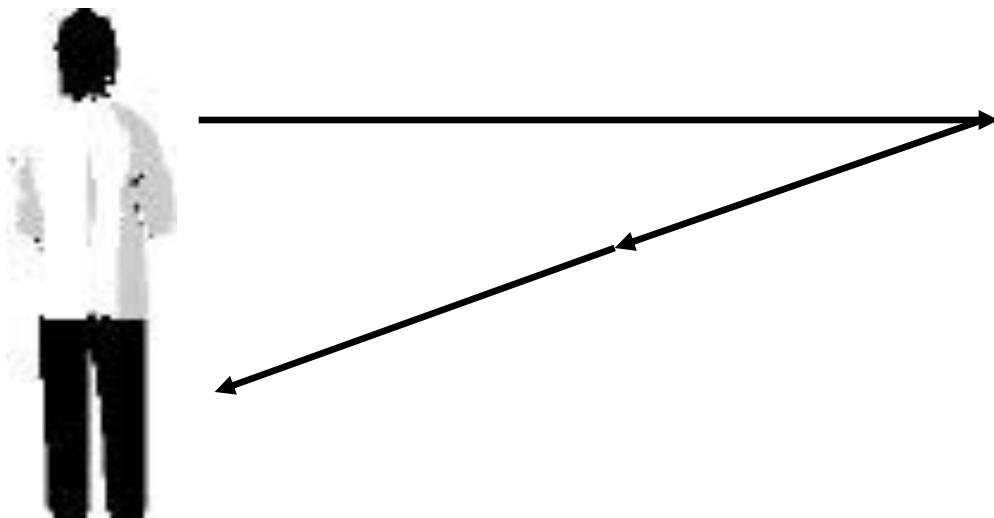
GOD

Holy
Perfect
Good



LAW
Holy,
Perfect,
Good
Romans 7:12

**FOR THE UNBELIEVER,
the Law is like looking at a mirror
that calls you to be what you can never be!**



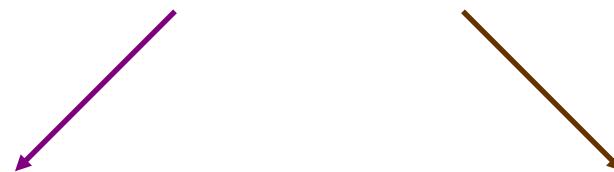
“Love”
don’t steal
don’t kill
don’t covet

PROPER USE OF THE LAW:

Father God gave

JESUS

John 1:4-5
John 10:10



DEATH &
CONDEMNATION

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Love
Joy
Peace
Acceptance
Forgiveness

HELP!



Conversion, Salvation

PERVERSION OF THE LAW (Pharisee)



JESUS



“Life”

Romans 2; cannot
practice own law;
Romans 3:10-20

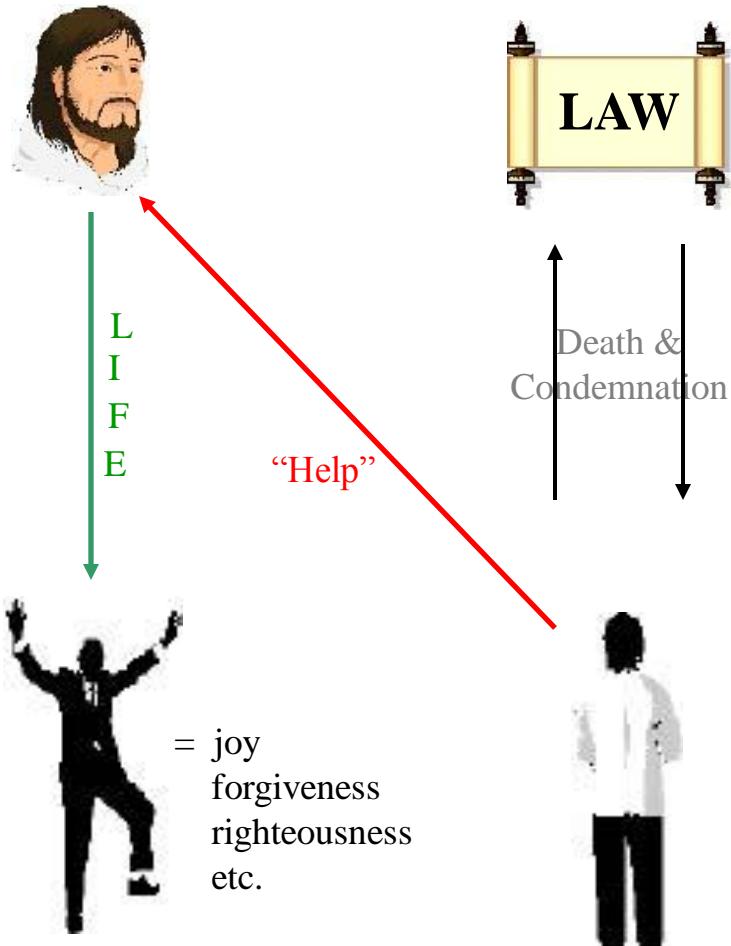


**Judge
Condemn
Critical**
(Luke 18)

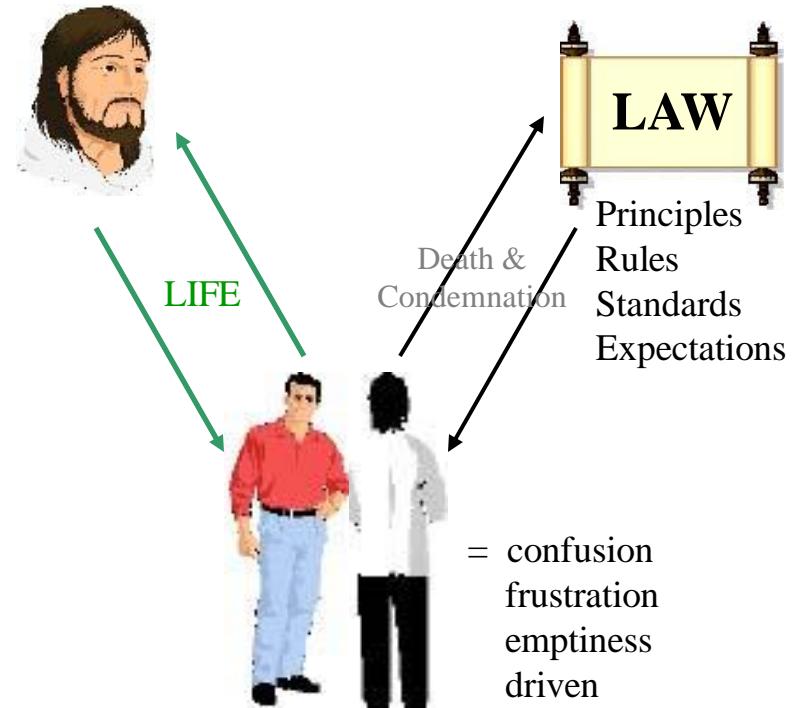


(No need of a Savior)

“CONFUSED CHRISTIAN”



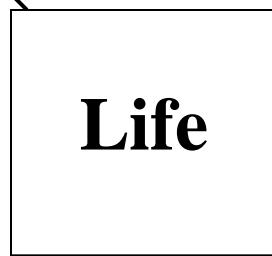
SAVED BY FAITH



LIVES BY LAW

LAW AND THE BELIEVER

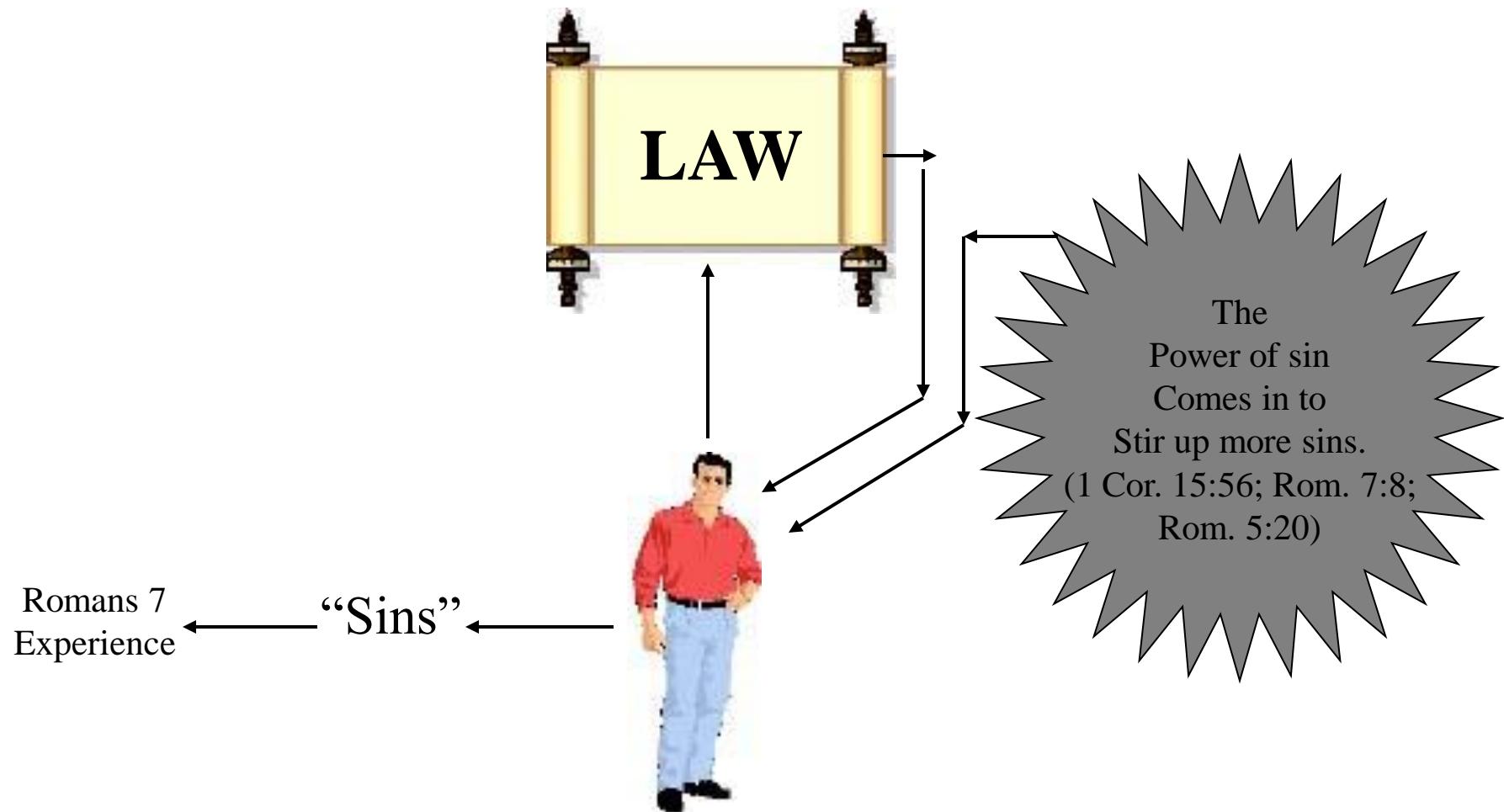
(Romans 7:1-4)



Love, Acceptance, Forgiveness



THE SELF-DEFEATING LAW CHRISTIAN (Romans 6,7)



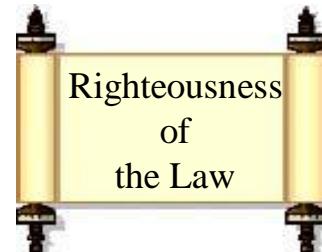
THE RIGHTEOUS LIFE

Not looking to the Law, we fulfill the Law (Romans 8:1-4)



JESUS

Holy, Perfect, Good



FOR THE BELIEVER

The Law mirrors your true identity.
It calls you to be who you are.



WHO DO *YOU* HAVE UNDER THE LAW?



1. GOD?
2. SELF?
3. SPOUSE?
4. ? ? ? ?