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THE TRANSITION FROM LAW TO GRACE

The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:17 (NCV)

1. THE LAW _____

For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

Rom. 3:20 (NLT)

If you obey every law except one, you are still guilty of breaking them all.

James 2:10 (CEV)

2. THE LAW _____

I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Matt. 5:18

3. THE LAW _____

The Law no longer rules over us. We are like dead people, and it cannot have any power over us. Now we can serve God in a new way by obeying his Spirit, and not in the old way by obeying the written Law.

Rom. 7:6 (CEV)

If you obey the Spirit, the Law of Moses has no control over you.

Gal. 5:18 (CEV)

WHY THE TRANSITION?

The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Rom. 8:3 (NLT)

OBEDIENCE UNDER GRACE

1. REQUIRES US TO _____

I advise you to obey only the Holy Spirit's instructions. He will tell you where to go and what to do, and then you won't always be doing the wrong things your evil nature wants you to.

Gal. 5:16 (LB)

2. MEANS WE _____

Christ suffered here on earth. Now you must be ready to suffer as he did, because suffering shows that you... have turned from your own desires and want to obey God for the rest of your life.

1 Pet. 4:1-2 (CEV)

3. SHOWS THAT WE _____

We truly love God only when we obey him as we should.

1 John 2:5-6 (CEV)

4. ALLOWS US _____

Jesus: "I will only reveal myself to those who love me and obey me. The Father will love them too, and we will come to them and live with them. Anyone who doesn't obey me doesn't love me."

John 14:23-24a (LB)

5. MOVES GOD _____

We know that God listens only to people who love and obey him.

John 9:31 (CEV)

He will give us whatever we ask, because we obey him and do what pleases him.

1 John 3:22 (CEV)

6. ASSURES ME _____

With all the earnestness I have I tell you this--no one who obeys me shall ever die!

John 8:51 (LB)

I pray that God will make you ready to obey him and that you will always be eager to do right. May Jesus help you do what pleases God. To Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever! Amen.

Heb. 13:21 (CEV)