

# GRACE for Addictions

## A One Step Program

### Part 3

#### LEGALISM

John 1:17 "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

Moses refers to the Law or the Ten Commandments. They require you to perform to become something the blood of Jesus has paid for. The Law was given.

John 5:45 "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust."

Jesus or grace never accuses you. However, the Law will always accuse you unless you do it right and that's not going to happen.

Romans 2:15 "Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another..."

The Law has help in accusing you. Legalists will accuse you but excuse themselves.

Matthew 6:9-11 "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread."

Matthew 14:19-21 "And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children."

The Law will provide your daily bread but grace feeds the thousands.

II Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Most people's approval is based on their performance. That approval determines their worth and their worth is the basis of their confidence. When their worth is in their performance, their performance is the basis of their confidence. That confidence will only last as long as they can do it right.

II Timothy 2:25-26 "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth..."

You oppose yourself by saying things about yourself that are different from what the Word says about you. As long as you continue to oppose yourself; you will be held captive by the Devil against your will. You will always feel trapped in your performance.

### TWO TREES

Genesis 2:8-9 "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil."

The two trees in the Garden were:

1. the tree of good and evil
2. the tree of life.

The tree of good and evil represents your performance. The tree of Life represents Jesus' performance.

Romans 8:1-2 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Your approval comes from the tree of life in Christ Jesus. The tree of good and evil has been nailed to the Cross. It's finished. You don't need to go to the tree of good and evil for your approval. You've been approved by your Father because of what Jesus did. That's His Grace!

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#### QUESTIONS

1. What accuses you when you don't do it right?
2. What happened to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
3. Have you been approved?

#### ANSWERS

1. The law accuses you.
2. The tree of knowledge of good and evil was nailed to the cross.
3. You have been approved by the Father from the foundation of the world.