



A Guide to Grace

Learning, Living, and Giving the Gift

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

Galatians 2:19

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What is Grace?

Grace is the **life of the Lord Jesus Christ**,

Given to us **freely**, so we can

Experience God **intimately**,

Express God **powerfully**, and

Change the world **radically** ...

One person at a time.



What Happened to Me?

I have been crucified with Christ;
and it is no longer I who live, but ***Christ lives in me***;
and the life which I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Galatians 2:20

For through the law ***I died to the law***
so that I might ***live to God***. Galatians 2:19



Romans 5:17

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one,

MUCH MORE

those who **receive** the **abundance of grace**
and the **gift of righteousness**
will reign in life **through the One, Jesus Christ!**

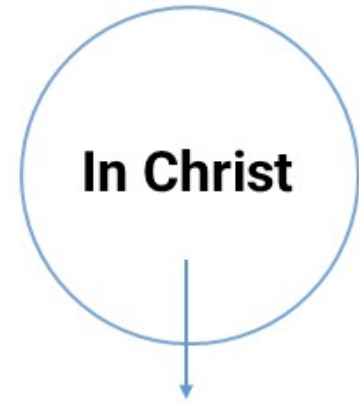
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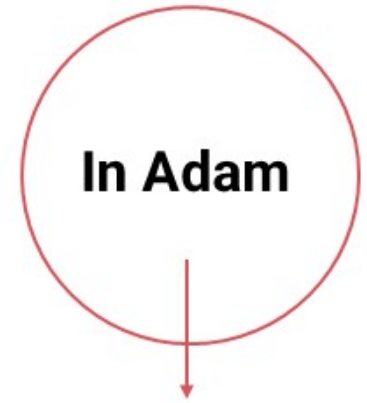
Redemptive History in One Verse

ROMANS 5:17

The **ONLY** verb - **Receive**



REIGN IN LIFE



DEATH

- 1) Gift of Righteousness (Identity)
- 2) Abundance of Grace



Four Possible Paths for Us

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Identity + Grace | = | Reign in Life |
| 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 understand **both** our **righteous identity** **and** **grace** if we are to **reign in life** as daughters and sons of the King.



Understanding and Applying Grace

I used to believe the church had a **good theology** of grace but a **poor application**.

I now believe the church has a **poor understanding** of grace, which leads to a **poor application**.

Examples of Poor Understanding

- Shallow definitions –
The Unmerited Favor of God
 - Superficial acronyms –
God's Riches At Christ's Expense
- Our understanding must go deeper.



Grace ... delivers us from the need to perform for God and places us in a position to receive from God.

Grace ... brings ALL God is to ALL we need, at the moment we place our faith in the person and work of Jesus.

Grace ... as water flows to the deepest level, grace moves to meet our deepest need.

Grace is Jesus!

Titus 2:11-13



Humanity in Fellowship with God

How God Created Us to Live.



GOD

Love
Joy
Acceptance
Peace
Value
Rest



ADAM



Law Was in the Garden

THE LAW OF LIFE

THE LAW OF LOVE

*Tree of
Life*



GOD

*Tree of
Knowledge of
Good and Evil*



YES!

NO!



Beginning of the Law as a System

GENESIS 3:1-7

Tree of Life



Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil



YES!



Right & Wrong



Adam to Moses

GOD

*Holy
Perfect
Good*

**Man's
Goal**

*Be like God.
What's He like?*



God Gave the Law to Show Man What God is Like

GOD
Holy
Perfect
Good



Law
Holy
Perfect
Good
Romans 7:12



Unbeliever ...

The Law is a Mirror
That Calls You to Be
What You Can
Never Be!

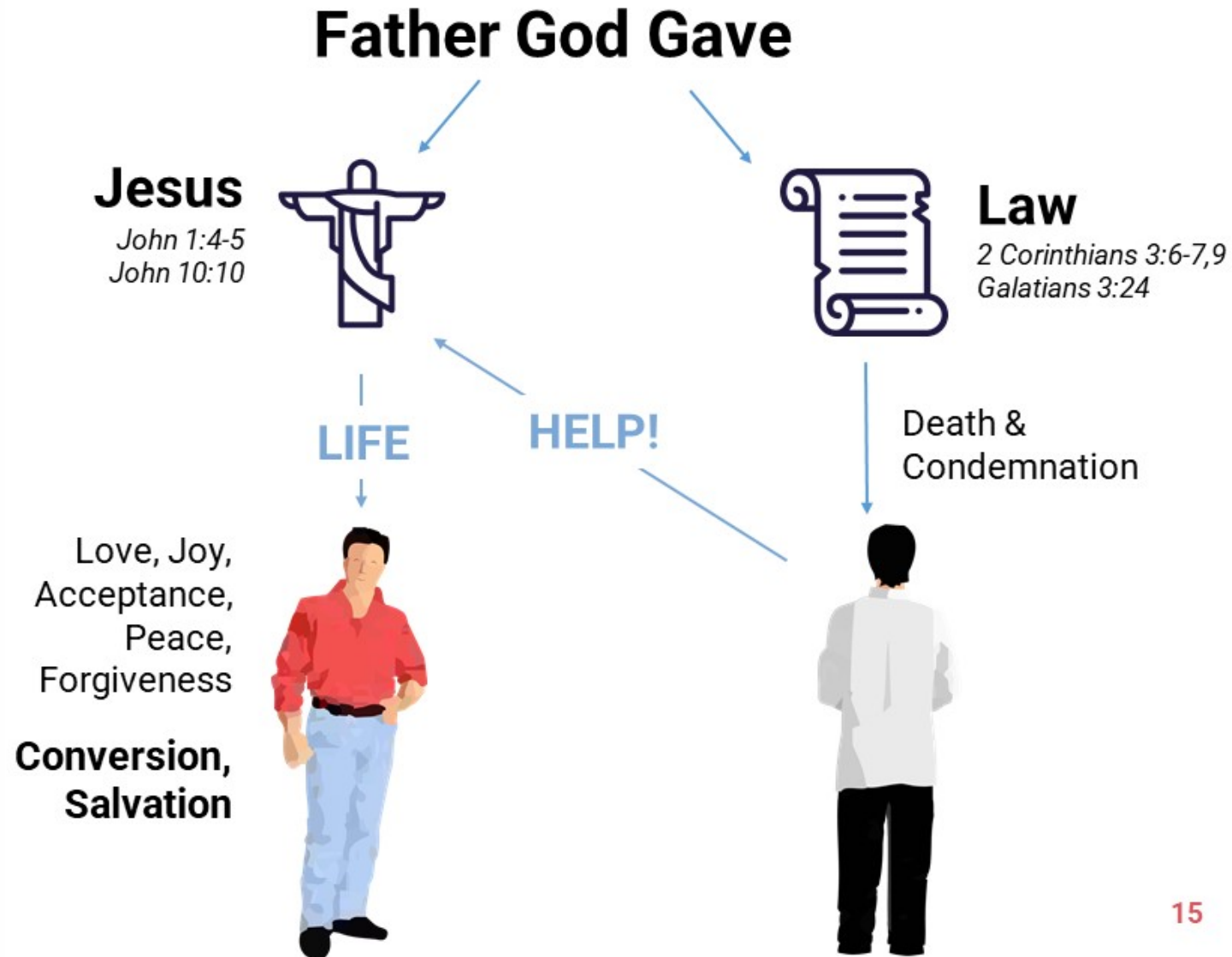


Love

Don't steal
Don't kill
Don't covet



Proper Use of the Law



Perversion of the Law

How Legalistic Christians and Pharisees Approach God



Romans 2
They can't keep
their own law.
Romans 3:10-20

**No Need
of a Savior**

Jesus



Law



LIFE

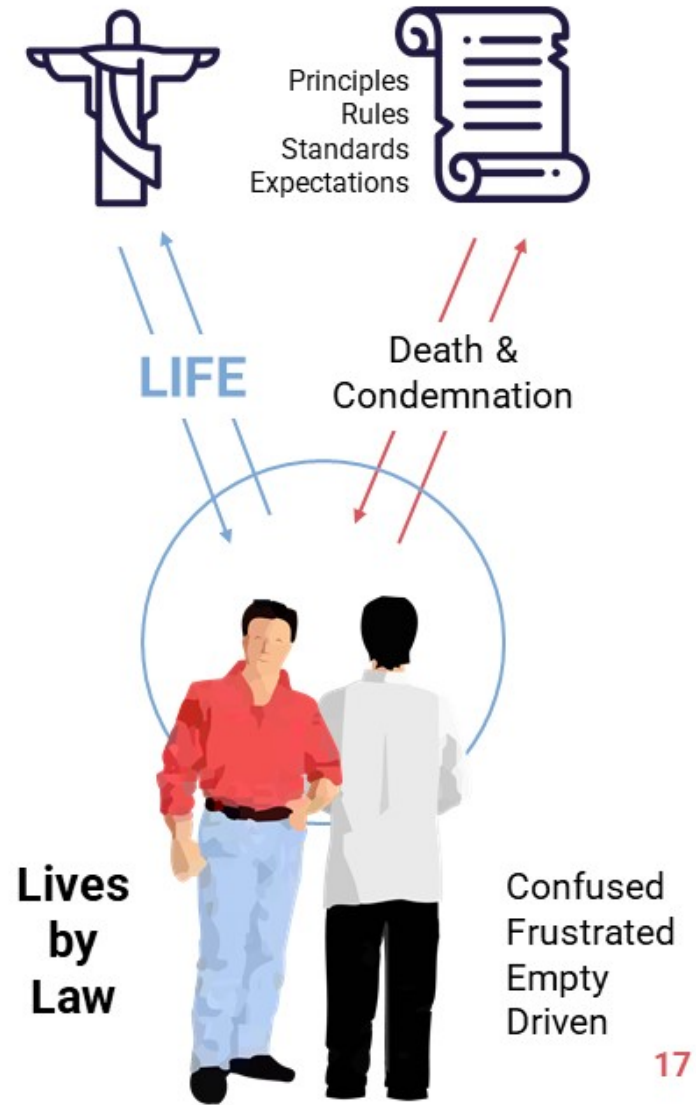
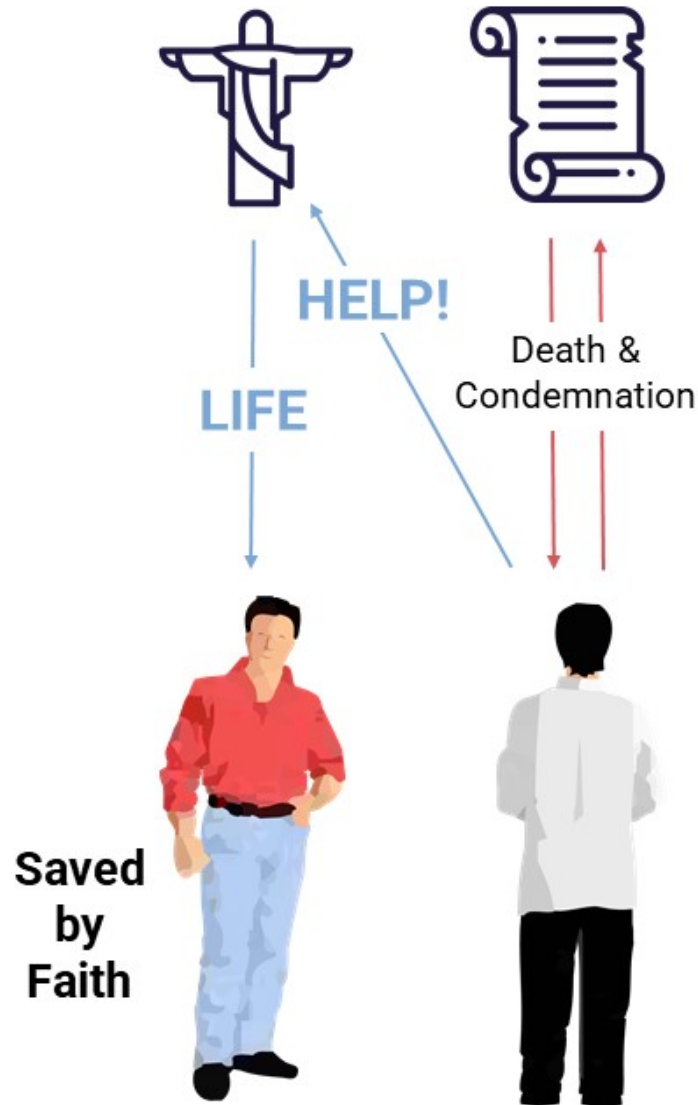


Judging
Condemning
Criticizing

Luke 18

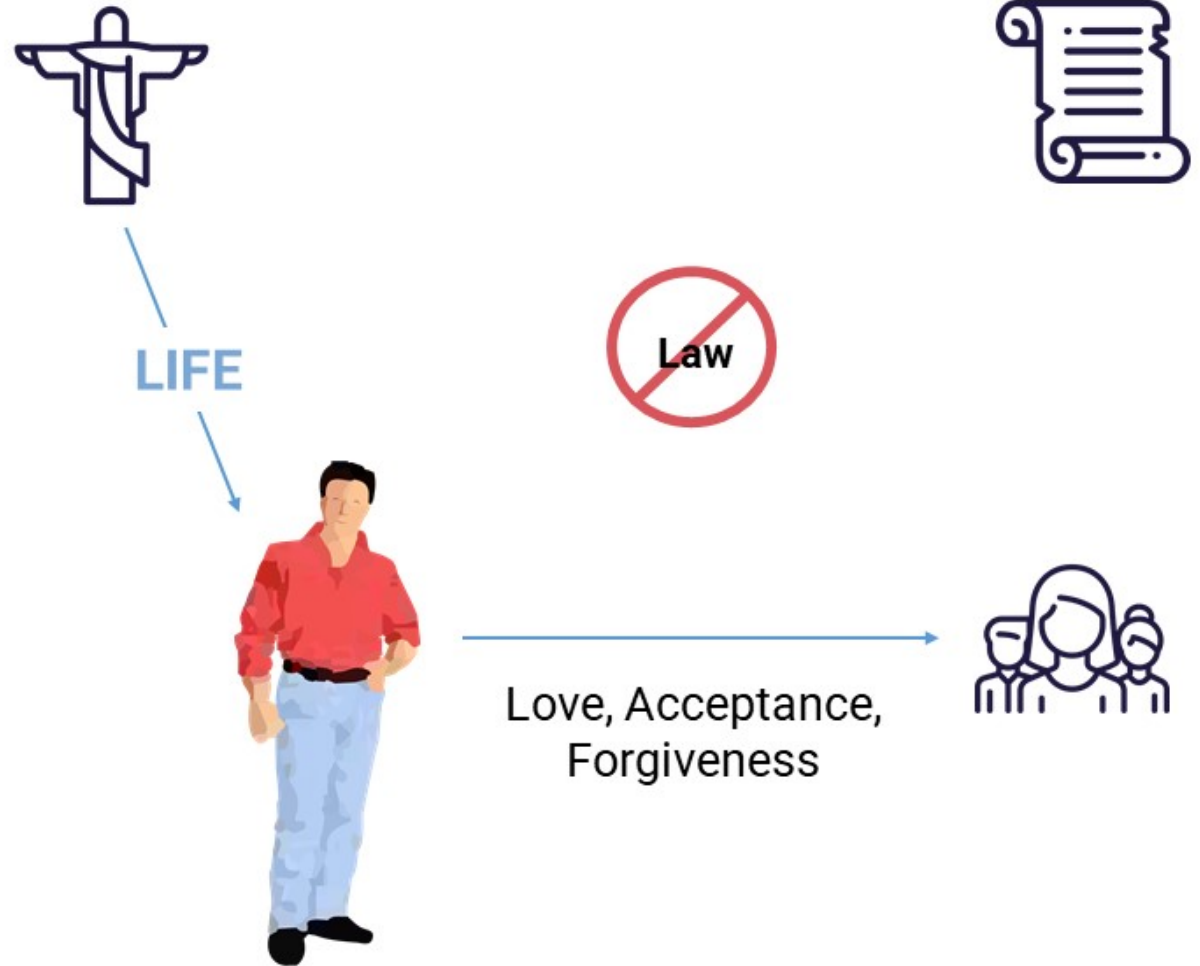


Confused Christian



Law and the Believer

ROMANS 7:1-4



Self- Enslaved Believer

ROMANS 6, 7

**Romans 7:15-19
Experience**

I don't do
what I want,
I do what I hate.

Lots of sins

Law



**Power of sin
stirs up more
sins.**

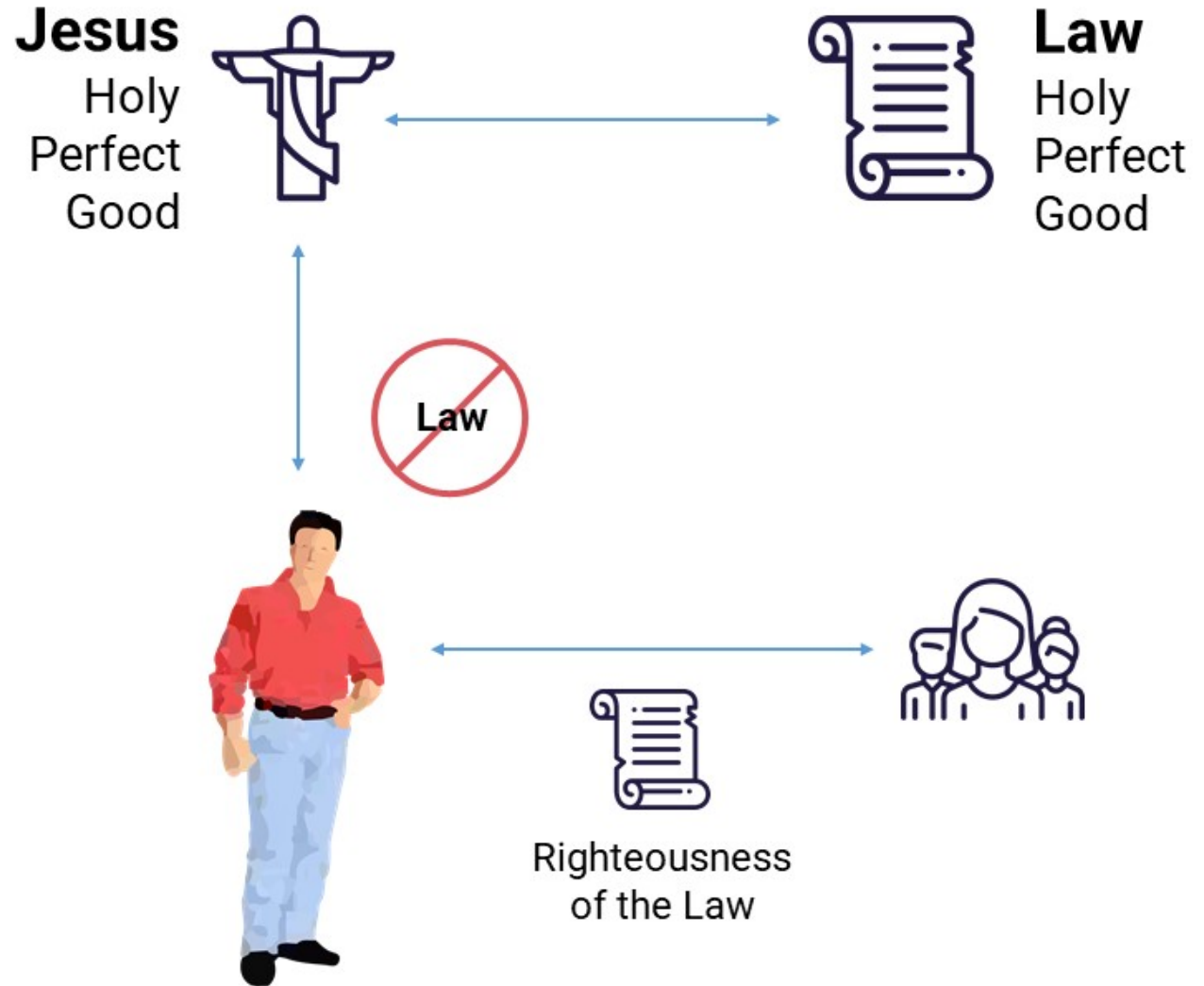
*1 Corinthians 15:56
Romans 7:8
Romans 5:20*



The Righteous Life

ROMANS 8:14

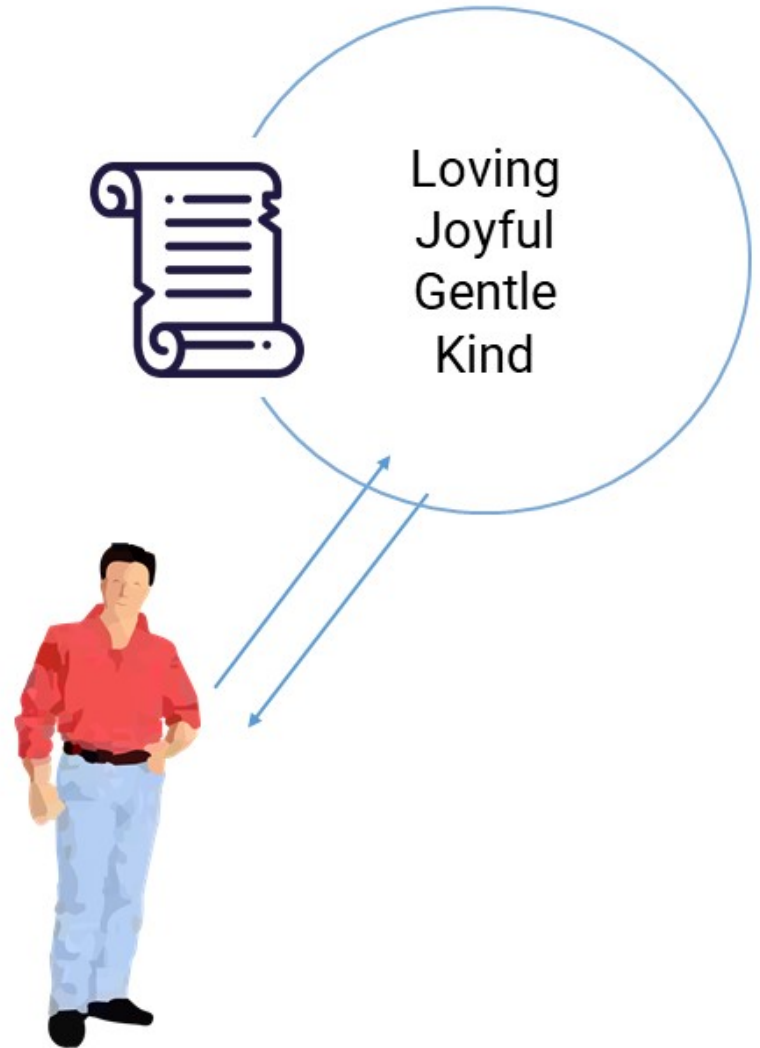
By Looking to God, We Fulfill the Law



Believer ...

The Law is a Reminder of
Who You Are in Christ.

And ... It's a Promise of
How You'll Live When You
Walk in the Spirit.



Whom Do YOU Have Under the Law?



1. God?
2. Spouse?
3. Family?
4. Friends?
5. Self?



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STARTING WITH ME



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