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Global Grace News (GGN) has been available for more than 10 years for pastors and teachers, who have attended Peter Youngren's Gospel Revolution Seminars.



By Taina Youngren

## Why I Prefer Grace Over Law



Because ... by now, I've realized how much more I am dependent on God's grace than His Law. "The Law is holy and the commandment holy and just ad good" (Romans 7:12). But ... it doesn't have saving power. Sure, it shows everything that is wrong with me, but it will never be able to make me righteous.

The Apostle Paul continues, "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" Thankfully he doesn't leave us in darkness, but answers... "I thank

God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:24-25).

Through Christ we have become partakers of God's divine nature. What a joy to realize that through Jesus we were made righteous! No more performance, fear, or desperate search for acceptance. God never intended us to find peace and fulfilment through Law, but through the Prince of Peace.

Without God's grace, His unearned favor, we would be the most miserable creatures on earth. Not only would our own lives be joyless, but we would inevitably reflect the very essence of Law around us; criticism and condemnation.

I wish for you to wholeheartedly enjoy the articles by Peter Youngren and Nathan Thurber in this issue!

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By Peter Youngren

## Jesus Put Away The Law By Fulfilling It



*When people travel with me to one of our overseas Campaigns, they usually tell me; "Peter, the highlight for me was to attend the Gospel Revolution Seminar. It changed my life."*

During the Seminar, which usually involves three days during the Campaign week, Thursday to Saturday, I take the delegates from a view of Scripture that mixes Law and grace, into an understanding that the Gospel is 100% a covenant of God's grace.

The last day of the Seminar often includes a Q&A session. This is my favorite time, because the questions show how intently the pastors have listened to the message. One of the most common questions is, "Peter, how do you explain Jesus' words in Matthew 5:17 that He did not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it?"

Jesus' teaching in Matthew chapter 5 cuts right to the heart of grace versus the Law. First, we might ask; "Why did Jesus feel the need to emphasize that His intent was not to destroy the Law?" Obviously, His opponents were accusing Him of doing just that. We know from the four Gospels that the Pharisees and teachers of the Law thought that Jesus was seeking to destroy it.

### Jesus re-interprets the Bible

Before we look at the key word – fulfill –

let's look at the context. In this chapter Jesus introduces the idea that the Bible must be reinterpreted in the light of the Gospel. He makes a list of statements, each beginning, "You have heard it said", and then, "But I say to you". Jesus re-interprets Old Testament statements in the light of the Gospel.

- ◆ In the Old, the issue was "murder", but under the Gospel it is "anger", (Matthew 5:21 – 22).
- ◆ In the Old, it was "an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth", while under the Gospel we are told to "not resist an evil person", (Matthew 5:38 – 39).
- ◆ In the Old, we were to "love our neighbor and hate our enemy", while under the Gospel, we "love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us", (Matthew 5:43 – 44).

If Jesus' statement that He didn't come to destroy the Law but to fulfill it meant that the Old Testament Law was to remain intact, as some claim, then why does Jesus continue to blatantly contradict and cast aside Old Testament principles and laws?

*The Bible must be interpreted in the light of the Gospel.*

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No question, to the Pharisees, it looked like Jesus was destroying the Law, but Jesus insisted that He was not destroying, but fulfilling it.

### The meaning of the word “fulfill”

*Fulfill* has two meanings, either:

- 1) to meet all the requirements of the Law, or
- 2) to complete [perfect] the Law.

When we read the entirety of Jesus' sermon it becomes clear that He came to complete the Law. In no way does Jesus condone to take an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth which was requirement of the Law. Rather Jesus, because of love, is doing the opposite of what the Law prescribed, and in so doing He completes it. Love swallows the Law.

### Jesus violated the Law

There are many examples in the Gospels that show what Jesus meant by the phrase to fulfill the Law. He was obviously not talking about adhering to every letter of the Law, because on every page of the four Gospels we find Jesus violating the Law of Moses.

- ◆ Jesus broke the Sabbath regulations.
- ◆ Jesus touched the unclean.
- ◆ Jesus ate and drank with sinners.
- ◆ Jesus forgave an adulterous woman, instead of condoning the death sentence that the Law of Moses prescribed.

In short, Jesus shocked those who religiously tried to keep the Law, by violating it repeatedly.

The healing of the man with a withered hand in the synagogue on the Sabbath infuriated the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law, (Luke 6:9 – 11). Why would Jesus purposely make the religious leaders “furious”? On another occasion, the same religious leaders seemed rather amiable when they suggested, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, and not on the Sabbath”, (Luke 13:14). Why couldn't Jesus wait one day to heal? The answer is obvious:

*Jesus was deliberately confronting those who claimed that the Law Moses was supreme.*

In Matthew chapter 23 Jesus harshly rejected the way the religious leaders kept the Law, because their rules and regulations were hurting people, pushing them away from God. No wonder, the religious leaders

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saw Jesus as a lawbreaker, a denier of the Scriptures. Jesus, on the other hand, saw His actions as being faithful to His Father.

### The foolishness continues

Jesus' teaching is troublesome for those who insist that we must still today mix the Law and grace, that the two somehow overlap. Here is the crux: If we must keep the Law we are obligated to keep "every jot and tittle" of it (Matthew 5:18). It is not enough to cherry-pick a few favorite commandments.

Every "jot and tittle" is more than the 10 commandments, it involves every detail and ceremonial law. "No graven image" is allowed—there goes all jewelry and statues. You must not wear mixed clothing like wool and linen, only one textile at a time. There are rules for a going to the wash-room, for a woman's menstrual cycle, for disciplining—even killing—rebellious children.

Is there really anyone among us, who wants to keep "every jot and tittle" of the Law?

If you pay attention, you will notice that even those who claim to be Law keepers, at best, are only choosing a few favorite laws. Take heart, because even under the

Old Testament, God knew that Israel couldn't keep the Law, that's why they were allowed to approach God through sacrifices, rather than by their own good deeds.

Not much has changed in 2000 years. Many Christians are still confused, just like some of the Jewish believers we read about in the Book of Acts. Some exchange Sunday worship to Saturday, thinking that by so doing, they are more pleasing to God. Others think that by wearing a Jewish prayer shawl, they have a better chance of God responding to their prayers. Still others believe that an 'extra anointing' is released by blowing the shofar. Others suggest that they have discovered a great truth by starting to keep the Hebrew feasts, or by following the Hebrew calendar.

I'm not going to argue all these points, but simply to recommend that a straight reading of Paul's Epistles to the Galatians and to the Colossians should cure this disease of religious foolishness.

### The law of love

When was the Law of Moses fulfilled and exchanged into the law of love? At Jesus' death and resurrection! When we understand the depth of what really happened

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at the Cross, we understand how totally the Law has been put away. Consider this next paragraph carefully:

At the cross, God, who is the eternal storehouse of Love, poured out His love for every person through the blood and wounds of a Jewish rabbi called Jesus Christ. Love completed the Law and now we are free from it; free to live, to love, to prosper, to receive from God's goodness.

The Law was not destroyed; it was fulfilled and made obsolete when it was swallowed

up in God's infinite love revealed through Jesus Christ. That's why Paul wrote, "Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'You shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

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*- Peter*

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By Nathan Thurber

## The Meal That Heals



*God gave the Holy Communion as a provision of healing for our bodies. The Holy Communion is “the meal that heals”. God wants us healthy and strong. He created the world without sickness!*

The Holy Communion is simple. Eat the elements, and be healed. *Sounds too simple?*

Jesus always kept things easy. It was the proud that couldn't handle Jesus' simplicity. We take vitamins and doctor's drugs without question, yet too often we question the simplicity of eating the Holy Communion.

### How did sickness enter the world?

When Adam and Eve ate ... yes, ate ... of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, sickness entered the world. Sickness entered the world by eating the wrong thing ... Healing enters our bodies today by eating the right thing! It is that simple!

Our healing took place through the body of Jesus on the cross:

*“He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.”* (Matthew 8:17)

*“By His stripes we are healed.”* (Isaiah 53:4)

Jesus not only died for our sins ... He also died for our health! The Holy Communion has two parts ... The bread and the cup. The cup represents the forgiveness we received in Jesus. The bread represents physical healing for our bodies.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 11 said, “many believers remain sick in their bodies because they do not discern the purpose of the bread.” To discern means to [perceive](#) or [recognize](#).

Remember, God did not ... does not ... and will not ... give sickness. Sickness did not exist in the world He created. Man went their own way, and thereby brought judgment on themselves, resulting in sickness. Jesus provided the remedy... HEALING through His body! He told us to eat the bread of the Holy Communion, and receive His health.

### 100% loss or 100% gain?

Not “recognizing” the purpose of the bread is 100% our loss. God is not mad at us when we don't recognize the purpose. I imagine He is quite saddened. He despe-

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rately wants us to recognize and receive! God wants you well!

Imagine your great uncle left you \$1 million. It is 100% yours. However, if you didn't realize it was yours, it would do you little good. The one losing out is you! What a shame. In the same way, healing is 100% ours through the body of Christ! However, if we don't realize it is ours, it will do us no good! That is an even greater shame!

Let's not be ignorant, or forget. The Holy Communion is a channel of healing from Jesus for our bodies. When you receive the bread, thank Jesus for healing your body, and say, "I receive healing and health into my body".

Finally, don't stop partaking of the bread after one time. You wouldn't take vitamins or prescription drugs once and stop. How much more should we daily trust Jesus for continued health for our bodies through the Holy Communion...

... THE MEAL THAT HEALS!

## JESUS IN 3

*To know Christ is to know the fullness of who God is. This is the key to a wholesome life where we enjoy God's abundance in every area, because everything that we need, whether for this present life or for eternity, is in the knowledge of Jesus.*

*In June, Peter Youngren will launch a new ministry tool, **Jesus In 3**, a weekly podcast that will reveal Christ in a powerful and very practical way. This 3 minute devotional will be available on [peteryoungren.org](http://peteryoungren.org) or on the Peter Youngren YouTube channel. Receive the inspiration that comes from seeing Jesus in His full glory!*

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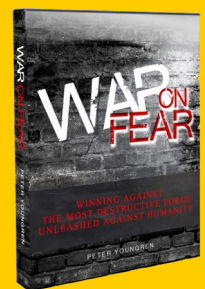
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## Ministry News From Around The World

### Partners Rally To Restore 24/7 Christian TV Among Muslims

After news of the terror attack, that destroyed the equipment and office for WIM's 24/7 Christian TV channel in the world's largest Muslim city, **Karachi, Pakistan**, the friends and partners of WIM rallied. Today, the channel known as Gawahi TV operates out of new offices, in a more secure location, with new cameras, editing and audio equipment.

Peter Youngren commented, "we are grateful to all the partners and friends in many different parts of the world, that helped make this possible". Christians in Pakistan are under persecution and heavy duress, but their faith remains strong, as they stand with Gawahi TV. More than 2000 Muslims contact the station every month to receive teaching about Jesus Christ.



### Africa in focus

The first week of June, Peter Youngren launches a Gospel Campaign and Pastors' Seminar in **Morogoro, Tanzania**. This will be followed by a second campaign in **Musoma**, sponsored by Pastor Anthony Greco and Calgary Life Church, and arranged by the WIM team.

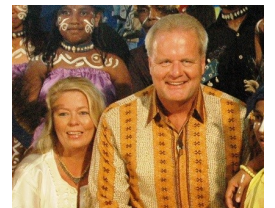
The campaign with Peter Youngren in **Sierra Leone** has been scheduled for later in the year, the stadium rental has been paid and all systems are go. Islam and Christianity are battling for the hearts and minds of Africans. WIM seeks to conduct Gospel outreaches in large cities that are on the front line of this battle.



### Outreach To Indonesia This Summer

Again this summer, Peter and Taina Youngren will tour five cities across **Indonesia**. WIM has conducted 27 Gospel Campaigns in this nation, often referred to as the world's largest Muslim nation. In spite of the large number of Muslims, the Gospel has made inroads into every level of Indonesian society.

The WIM – Indonesia office has launched its own publication earlier this year, to take the Gospel of God's grace to Christian leaders across Indonesia, all for the purpose of seeing Muslims come to Christ.



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