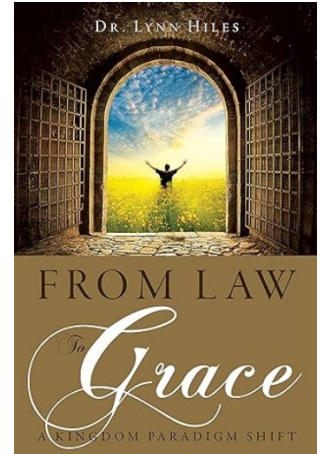


For Those Who Follow Religious Laws

Whether it's the Torah, the Ten Commandments, denominational laws and rules, church organisational laws and rules, or even the Jewish feasts, these are all forms of legalism and have no place in the New Covenant. In the Kingdom, the reality is, that we're free of all legalism and all religion under this covenant. We have freedom and liberty, which are privileges of Father's sons, and we put ourselves in bondage when we commit to any form of laws, rules or commandments. The reason for our bondage in such cases is that we subjugate ourselves to any law or set of rules that we accept as having authority over us.

I've written and taught on this for the past 10 years or so, so I thought it would be prudent to quote someone else who's on a similar path to freedom. Below is a quote from Lynn Hiles' book, "From Law to Grace":

"One of the vast differences between the old and new covenant is that the old covenant is full of demands and the new covenant is full of supply. In the old covenant, God says thou shalt, thou shalt not. If you do this, then I will do that. Your acceptance, blessing and provision were all based on human performance. In the new covenant in Hebrews 8:10-13, God says I will write my law on your hearts. I will be to them a God. I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and iniquities I will remember no more. Do you see the difference? In the old covenant, it was "thou shalt, thou shalt not". In the new covenant, God says I will, I will, I will and I will. The old covenant was about what you were doing. The new covenant is about what God is doing in us and through us. Now our acceptance, blessing and provision are not based on human performance. It is based on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and his endless supply.



[W]hat many fail to see is that the new covenant does not leave us lawless or without something to govern our lives. It provides for us a new governor called the Holy Spirit and provides a new law called the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus. The new covenant is not a 'hopped up'¹ old covenant. It is not an addendum to the old one. It is a brand-new covenant full of divine supply. It is not a bunch of requirements. It is a divine enablement. It is God working in us both to will and to do of his own good pleasure. The old covenant was a bankrupt system given to a bankrupt fallen humanity that required everything and supplied very little. The new covenant supplies everything and demands very little. What an incredible exchange!"²

Those who refer to statements like hers as hyper-grace³, have one foot in the Old Covenant and the other in the New Covenant.⁴ They aren't free at all, and the sad thing about that is that it's the lot of the vast majority of Christians.

IMPORTANT: Legalism and religion are not the Gospel of the Kingdom.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

1 – US colloquialism: 'Mechanically enhanced for high performance; souped-up.' www.wordnik.com/words/hopped%20up

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3 – "Hyper-Grace theology" en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyper-Grace_theology

4 – e.g. "Hyper-Grace: The Dangerous Doctrine of a Happy God" [this is an anti-hyper-grace book]
www.amazon.com.au/Hyper-Grace-Dangerous-Doctrine-Happy-God-ebook/dp/B0011TLZUQ