

# The Gospel Herald

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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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***“Christ has become of no effect unto you, whosoever  
of you are justified by the law;  
ye are fallen from grace”***

*(Galatians 5:4).*

*Beloved of God, the verse above is one of the most misinterpreted verses in scripture. The ultra-Arminian will use it time and time again to attempt to justify that man can fall from grace and loose salvations glorious work. They beat down Christendom with the false teaching that willful and unrepentant sin will keep the born again believer from the redeeming grace of Christ and shall loose their eternal home in glory. Their eyes are ONLY focused on the phrase “Ye are fallen from grace.”*

*What the apostle is describing is, those that are relying on the law and their duty obedience to the commandments of the law to be justified and find favor with the God have **FALLEN SHORT** of obtaining the **GRACE** of God !!! For the law is **NOT OF GRACE**; neither can they be mixed to gain eternal salvation and the forgiveness of sin. The scriptures are clear “The law is **NOT** of faith” (Galatians 3:12). Does the New Testament, New Covenant believer live the Christian life by the means of faith, or by the deeds of the law? The apostle declared, “For by the works of the law shall **NO** flesh be justified” (Gala. 2:16). So where does that leave the duty works advocate of the law and the commandments? It leaves them “**FALLEN FROM GRACE**”, and not able to obtain it if law keeping duty is the mindset of the professing Christian.*

*I am persuaded that Gods elect heirs of grace have engraved upon their heart that works and duty are not the **MEANS** of obtaining salvation, but are the **EVIDENCES** of salvation which has been granted by the sovereign free grace of God alone. For we that are of the New Covenant live the Christian life through Christ by the law of the Spirit, the law of Christ. We have been delivered from the curse and stringent demands of the law and commandments by Christ our **LAW KEEPER**. He and He alone come and took upon his cross the writing of the laws ordinances upon his body (Colo. 2:14) removing*

*the laws demands from our meager efforts, abolishing the laws demands in our behalf and by his Spirit wrote them upon our hearts and minds that we would be aware of Gods holy demands within the heart and soul, and when sin erupts, the Spirit brings it to our grieving hearts and CAUSES repentance as the fruit of righteousness wrought by the power of Christ in us. Then the chastisement and vexation of soul brings the child of God to Godly sorrow which worketh repentance of which results in the fruit of righteousness (Heb.12:6-11).*

*Once the grace of God quickens, awakens and causes the new birth within one of his beloved elect children, there can be NO falling from that which God alone CAUSES to occur. For what our God has promised, He shall also do. Just as ‘He works in us to both WILL and to DO of his good pleasure.’ “For He that has begun a good work in you shall PERFORM it until the day of Christ” (Phil. 1:6, 2:13).*

*The law of God is perfect, holy and demands perfection and NOTHING less. To the unbelieving and unrighteous the law is in effect to condemn their ungodly and wicked depraved condition, yet it was given by Moses to the people of Israel as a standard of perfection that God demands and which NO man shall keep to every jot and tittle. Yet, Christ came born under the law, not to destroy it, but to FULFILL IT. “For the law and the prophets were until John, since that time the kingdom of God was preached” Jesus proclaimed(Luke 16:16). You that seek to be justified by duty obedience and the works of the law are exempt of the perfection and righteousness of Christ, seeking to establish YOUR OWN righteousness just as natural Israel sought to do (Rom. 10:3). I reiterate, the law IS NOT OF FAITH the scripture declares, but we that have been called, chosen, ordained, appointed, elected and predestined of God REST in Christ righteousness. For our Master Saviour said unto us, “Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST” (Matt. 11:28).*

*Rest from what? Rest from attempting to keep the law and commandments, as it is an unending weary laborious task which NO MAN can obtain. But they which have entered into Christ’s REST cease from their own labours, for HE has become the ULTIMATE LAW KEEPER to them which have been caused to believe in Him by faith (Heb. 4:10).*

*Oh! law, how can thy stringent demands be satisfied to appease the Almighty? Praise be to thy holy character that the answer is found in thy darling Son Jesus. For he has become the satisfier and performer of all thy laws demands and took upon his bleeding body the ordinances of thy righteous law and abolished them for thy elect erasing the dominion of depravity’s fall.*

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