## The Gospel Herald

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

For The LORD'S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS by
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## Dr. Law and Dr. Grace

A needy fellow with a fatal disease was sent to a prominent physician named Dr. Law. The afflicted fellow scheduled an appointment with the popular doctor and was diagnosed by the specialist. He told the ailing fellow that all he (the good doctor) could do was to diagnose and reaffirm that he, in fact, had a fatal, dreadful disease for which he had no medicine nor antidote, but he knew ONE doctor who could help the dear afflicted fellow, and his name was Dr. Grace.

So, in desperation, the dear fellow scheduled an appointment with Dr. Grace and went straightway to his office. The good Doctor Grace said, "I see you have been diagnosed by Dr. Law as having the fatal disease of SINFUL DEPRAVITY, for which there is only ONE cure."

The good Doctor Grace (unmerited favor) proceeded to tell the poor fellow that the only antidote and absolute cure for this fatal disease is in the cleansing blood which flowed from Immanuel's veins when nailed upon that old rugged cross on mount Calvary. You, see dear patient, Dr. Law cannot deliver one from sin's dread curse, but only diagnose one's fatal disease, for "by the law shall no flesh be justified," for "by the law comes the knowledge of sin." No man has ever kept the law's stringent demands in perfect obedience.

As the scriptures proclaim, "for ye are saved (delivered) by GRACE (unmerited favor) through faith, and that not of yourselves, for it is THE GIFT OF GOD, not of works least any man shall boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Take, dear friend, this prescription and believe it to the uttermost; you shall be delivered from your fatal disease and be healed from that with which Dr. Law could not assist. Go thy way, dear friend, and "look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) "The law is not of faith" (Gal.3:12). For Christ alone is the Great Physician (Luke 5:31-32).

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