

# Understanding the Law

In order to properly understand Grace, we must first understand the purpose and limitation of the law as revealed in the New Testament. Consider:

## The Law's purpose:

*Galatians 3:24* "The law was our guardian UNTIL Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith."

*Romans 5:20* "God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were."

## The Law's scope:

*1 Timothy 1:8-9* "We know that the law is good when used correctly. For the law was not intended for the righteous, but for people who are lawless and rebellious, who are ungodly and sinful, who consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy, who kill their father or mother or commit other murders.

## The Law's Limitations: It is finished and superseded by grace.

*Hebrews 10:1* "The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves..."

*Romans 6:14* "For sin shall not be master over you, for you are NOT UNDER law but under grace."

*Galatians 5:18* "But if you are led by the Spirit, you are NOT UNDER the Law."

*Galatians 3:13*: "Christ has REDEEMED us from the curse of the Law."

*Romans 7:4* "Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to DIE to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God."

*Romans 7:6* "But now we have been RELEASED from the Law, having DIED to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter."

*Romans 8:2* "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you FREE from the law of sin and of death.

*Romans 8:3* "For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh.

*Romans 10:4* "For Christ is the END of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."