

New Covenant Believers Not Under Mosaic Law

The Mosaic Law was only given to the Jewish people, the Israelites, and was not intended for us Gentiles. Gentiles or non-Jewish believers came onto the scene after the death of Jesus Christ and are under the New Covenant. Galatians 2:16 tells us clearly that the Jews who had been saved knew that there was no salvation in the law. The law condemned to death those who failed to obey it perfectly. This brought the curse on all of us, because all have broken its sacred precepts. Here, Paul reminds Peter that "*even we Jews*" came to the conclusion that salvation is by faith in Christ and not by law-keeping.

The only way we as born-again believers can live to God is by being dead to the law. Thus the believer's rule of life is Christ and not the law. It is not a matter of striving, but of trusting. Galatians 5:18 concludes with the statement that, "*Those who are Spirit-led are not under the law.*" The Spirit of God is now our teacher – not the law.

The distinction between law and grace is a Bible teaching that, if misunderstood, can put you in real

danger of spiritual bondage. There are preachers, churches, and entire denominations that will bring you into bondage if you are not careful. The apostle Paul gives us a very solemn warning that we should take very seriously: *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, do not be entangled again with the yoke of bondage (Galatians 5:1)."* What is the yoke of bondage that Paul has in mind? If we look at the surrounding verses and chapters in Galatians, we very quickly see that Paul is writing about the law. **The law is the yoke of bondage.** For example, in Galatians 5:4, Paul is telling us that we cannot depend on both the law and grace to justify us. It is either one or the other. And the choice of which one it should be is made clear in Galatians 2:16: *"Knowing that man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ..... for by works of the law no flesh shall be justified."*

Q. Are you willing to die to the law and come alive in Christ Jesus *"For I....died to the law that I might live to God (Gal.2:19)."*

