



Grace Snap Shot

"Viewing life through the lens of God's grace!"



The 7 Wonders of the Law

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All throughout the world there are amazing sights to see. Some are natural wonders such as the Grand Canyon and Victoria Falls. Others are manmade wonders such as the Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal in India. These sights tend to cause people to pause with a sense of wonder and say, "Wow!"

I'd like to take a moment to introduce you to another list of manmade wonders. These I call the Seven Wonders of the Law. They tend to cause people to pause and say, "Wow!"

1. Wow, I wonder when I'll ever be finished?
2. Wow, I wonder if God's happy with me yet?
3. Wow, I wonder what else I should be doing?
4. Wow, I wonder where this is all going to lead?
5. Wow, I wonder who in the world thought of this?
6. Wow, I wonder why it's so hard to fulfill the Law?
7. Wow, I wonder how on earth I'm suppose to do this?

Now, there's nothing wrong with the Law, but it is endless work. You see, the Law was never given with the intention that man could fulfill it. The Law was given to bring man to the end of himself, so that he would turn to Jesus, who alone is the fulfillment of the Law. Man's effort to try and fulfill the Law is a self righteous attempt to become acceptable by do, do, doing. The problem with the Law is good enough is never good enough and done enough never arrives.

I heard someone state that the Law is like a mirror, who's function is to show you your true spiritual condition. It's not the mirrors function to clean you up if you have a dirty face, it just makes you aware of your need.

The great news is that through Christ's death, burial and resurrection, a New Covenant was ushered in, one of grace not works. A lasting covenant based on what Christ has done, not on what man can do. Those who come to faith in Christ Jesus experience both forgiveness of sin and a new identity. Life in Christ sets you free from the demands of the Law and allows you to rest in His finished work. If you are in Christ, the law has no more function in your life. So stop wondering?