

UNDER LAW or UNDER GRACE?

Romans 6:14 -- Christians are “not under the law, but under grace.” However, the Ten Commandments are profitable for “instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). Nevertheless, believers are not subject to legalism, but to a much higher code - that of love. “This is love, that we walk after his commandments” (2 John 6). “All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself” (Gal. 5:14). Christians are not to continue in sin (Romans 6:1, 2), and are to “walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit” (Romans 8:4). They are enjoined to seek things above, and to set their affections on things above (Col. 3:1, 2). Christians are to present their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God (Romans 12:1, 2). The Scriptures give many admonitions (negative and positive) for holy living, and encourage a “walk in the Spirit” (Gal. 5:16). Those who obey are richly rewarded. See Gal. 5:22, 23.