## Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference of Tampa, Florida

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#### THEME: GRACE - WE WILL STAND

All scripture is from the KJV

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 2:1

#### THE PROBLEM

If a preacher understood the truth of the Gospel they would never preach that a saved man had to persevere to be saved, to stay saved, or to prove one is saved. They wouldn't say, "If you're really saved, you're not going to want to live in sin, or you can't tell me that you can live as you please and still go to heaven, or I know that I'm saved, but I don't know for sure if I'm going to heaven."

#### TWO GREAT POSITIONAL TRUTHS

#### **UNDER LAW**

Every person born of the FLESH is under Law. Every person under Law is under the Sin nature. Every person under the Sin nature must die.

## This is the positional truth of the FIRST (FLESH) BIRTH

Ro 3:9	9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no
3:9	wise: for we have before proved both Jews and
	Gentiles, that they are all under sin;
RU 2.10	19 Now we know that what things soever the law
	saith, it saith to them who are under the law:
	that every mouth may be stopped, and all the
	world may become guilty before God.

	14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.
1Co 9:20	20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;
	10 For as many as are of the works of the law are <u>under the curse</u> : for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

#### **Regardless of how <u>good</u> a person seeks to live, it cannot change his standing under the Law.**

#### **UNDER GRACE**

Every person born of the SPIRIT is under Grace. Every person under Grace is under the Divine nature. Every person under the Divine nature has Eternal Life.

## This is the positional truth of the SECOND (SPIRIT) BIRTH

Ro 6:14	14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
Ro 6:15	15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Gal 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under5:18 the law.Gal 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer

3:25 under a schoolmaster.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but Ro 8:8 in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Regardless of how bad a person seeks to live,

Gal	22 But the scripture hath concluded all under			
3:22	sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ			
	might be given to them that believe.			
Gal 3:23	23 But before faith came, we were kept under			
3:23	the law, shut up unto the faith which should			
	afterwards be revealed.			
it cannot change his standing under Grace.				

1Pe 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, 1:23 but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

- 1Jn 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin;
- 3:9 for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin,
  - because he is born of God.

# CHRIST WAS BORN UNDER THE LAW, LIVED UNDER THE LAW, AND DIED UNDER THE LAW TO REDEEM US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW, NEVER TO RETURN.

Gal 4:4	4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
Gal 4:5	5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

### Illustration of the ......("Two Natures") Separated by death

## Illustration of......("Mr. Law and Mr. Love") Death separates us from the LAW

"Justification by faith delivers us from our old position (standing under the Law) to our new position (standing under Grace.)"

#### **TEXT: Rom. 5:1-5**

I. Justification by Faith Delivers Peace with God.

<sup>1</sup> "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup> By whom also we have access by faith into this grace **wherein we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." <u>This is our new position in Christ</u>

- a. The peace with God is our standing in Christ. This cannot change.
- b. The peace of God is our state. This can change at any time.
- II. Justification by Faith Delivers access into this Grace (a reservoir of unlimited treasures)
  Rom. 5:2-5 This unchanging truth is the basis of our Internal and Eternal Security, which causes us to:
  - a. Rejoice **now** in anticipation of the glory (perfection) of God. Remember, Rom.3:23 said that we have all come short of the Glory of God. Not any longer.
  - b. Glory **now** in tribulations because we know that no changes in this life can affect our eternal standing in Grace.

III.	Justification by Faith Delivers the Holy Spirit	Rom. 5:5
IV.	Justification by Faith Delivers from the Wrath to come	Rom. 5:9
V.	Justification by Faith Delivers us from the <u>Reign of death</u>	Rom. 5:12-14
VI.	Justification by Faith Delivers to us the Free Gift of Eternal Life	Rom. 5:15-16
VII.	Justification by Faith Delivers to us the Gift of Righteousness	Rom. 5:17

Eternal Life and his Righteousness are gifts due to our STANDING IN CHRIST. This is an eternal position that cannot be changed, altered, or amended.

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