LIVING GRACE DAY-BY-DAY

By Faith through Grace
Romans 5:1-2

THE LAW WAY
(Religiosity)

THE GRACE WAY
(Biblical Christianity)

SELF-EFFORT | SERVANTHOOD

Takes credit for what God has done
Gal. 3:1-3

Point of Decision

This may be the most dangerous place to be for a maturing saint.

MAN'S STARTING POINT
SELF-WILL

Presumptuously attempts to produce spiritual fruit through self-effort
Gal. 5:1-4,13

Confidence in Self

FLESH-WORKS
Demonstrated by a self-serving attitude

"I will do it myself"

Good Works Etc.

Giving

Ministry

Ritual

Church membership

Try Harder

Obtain more knowledge (study more)

My own strength and ability THE FLESH
Gal. 3:3
Gal. 5:16-21

Holy Spirit quenched and grieved
Eph. 4:30
I Thess. 5:19

Holy Spirit works ***on*** us through trials, tribulation, and suffering
Rom. 5:3-5

Come to end of self
Rom. 7:18-21

FALSE HUMILITY
Col. 2:18,23

SPIRITUAL DECLINE

FAILURE

Point of Decision

Quit, Give up
(Lives in the world like a heathen)

Makes a greater effort
(Lives in the world like a religionist)

The Believer's Point of Decision
for Service

Becomes saved by trusting in God's provision in Christ Jesus
(Rom. 3:21-26; 6:23;
I Cor. 15:3,4; Eph. 1:13-14)

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The Unbeliever's Point of Decision
for Salvation

Rejects God's provision in Christ; remains lost. Lives as a heathen or a religionist

A believer who is in bondage to self-imposed religion (legalistic attitude) is useless to the Lord for the work of ministry.
(Col. 2:20-23; II Tim. 2:15,20,21;
Gal. 2:19-21)

Brokenness
Godly sorrow
True repentance
II Cor. 7:8-12

Surrender to God's will
Rom. 12:1-2
Phil. 2:5

Continue to seek God's will
Col. 3:1-4

Surrender to God's will
II Cor. 13:5
Phil. 3:7
II Tim. 2:3-6

VICTORIOUS
(Lives in the heavenlies Eph. 4:1-2;5:1-2)

Demonstrates Christ-likeness
Phil. 2:5-8

Confidence in God is strengthened
I Cor. 15:57-58

LOVE WORKS
Demonstrated by grace and mercy working in relation to justice and holiness
Rom. 12:9-21

Fruit of the Spirit produced in us
Gal. 5:22-23

Holy Spirit is not grieved or quenched
Eph. 4:30
I Thess. 5:19

Recognition that the Holy Spirit is an active rather than an inert ingredient in grace living
Eph. 5:15-18

Holy Spirit works ***in*** us through trials, tribulations, and suffering
Rom. 5:3-5; 8:16-18

Responds to the Holy Spirit
Eph. 4:30
I Thess.5:19

Through faith I will let God use me
Gal. 2:20; Phil. 2:12-13

Trusts in God
I Cor. 2:5

I must have God's help
II Cor.2:16; 3:5; 12:9-10

Accepts suffering and hardships as part of God's purpose
Rom. 5:3-5

I cannot do it by myself
Gal. 2:20
Phil. 1:6

Confidence in God
TRUE HUMILITY
Phil. 1:6; I Thess. 1:9-10;
Titus 2:11-14

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

SPIRITUAL GROWTH
GOOD WORKS=LOVE WORKS

GOD'S STARTING POINT
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