

# **The Solution to Practically Everything | Part 1**

Lesson 5

Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 16:16, 23:32-34; John 1:14, 8:2-11

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## **Receiving What You Don't Deserve**

### **INTRODUCTION**

We live in a world of rules, ordinances, laws, guidelines, proper procedures, and traditions. We are told from an early age if we can just follow them all, life will go well. The nation Israel had the Law of Moses. There are entire books in Scripture that are dedicated to the “dos and don'ts” of life.

There is only one problem; we are a fallen people. As Paul states in Romans 7, “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do, I do not do, but what I hate I do...For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am!” Paul does not stay in despair; his rescuer is Jesus Christ and His grace.

Christ pours out His grace on us daily, not because of what we have done but because He loves us!!! This grace transforms us and can change the world.

***Memory verse: “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”—John 1:14***

Pray, and read the passages listed above. What questions or observations do you have about them?

## **OBSERVATION: What do the passages say?**

1. In the Old Testament, Godly men and women lived their lives according to the Law of Moses. When God sent his Son into this world, what changed? (Luke 16:16; John 1:14)
2. In the early church, there was confusion between law and grace. In Matthew 9:9-13, who is showing grace, and who is relying on the law?
3. John 8:2-11 shows a very distinct contrast between law and grace. What, in this passage, is representative of law, and what is representative of grace?
4. What did Jesus say while He was being crucified? (Luke 23:34)



3. Grace in our lives brought us to salvation through Jesus Christ, and it also empowers us daily to live lives that bring glory to God. From these passages, what do we learn about the power of grace? (Acts 15:10-11; Romans 3:23-24; 2 Corinthians 1:12; Ephesians 2:4-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:16; Titus 2:11-13, 3:5-7)

