

Living in the Rhythms of Grace (Part 2)

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Scriptures:

- Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)
- Romans 12:1, 2
- Romans 2:3, 4
- Romans 12:1, 2 (NLT)

Summary:

*One of the biggest challenges for believers is avoiding getting caught up in religion with all its rules. Trying to live by the law keeps us off balance, but walking according to the rhythm of grace gives us rest and keeps us from becoming exhausted. When we're in relationship with Jesus, we must resist the temptation to fall back into performance and self-effort. God has told us we're righteous and holy; staying in rhythm with grace when we make a mistake rescues us from trying to figure out how to deal with our behavior. Grace always reminds us of our righteousness because it's in sync with the finished works of Jesus; the enemy wants to break that rhythm so that we'll go back to living under the law. We must never underestimate God's mercy and kindness. Unlike what religion tells us, God uses His goodness to persuade us to **want** to move from living under the law to living under grace.*

Notes:

1. Trying to keep the law is exhausting. God wants us to leave all the work behind and follow Him.
2. Grace is the rhythm we walk in with regularity. It's a way of life in which we choose what's needful; God's presence is needful. When we fall back into depending on our own performance, we break the rhythm of grace.
3. We need a proper understanding of God's undeserved favor; grace isn't a license to sin. Grace doesn't *allow* us to do a thing, but rather *shapes* us to do things pleasing to God. It changes our minds about what we were doing before we got saved.
4. Grace shows us God's compassion and mercy. This motivates us better than religion and fear.
5. Goodness and mercy are God's nature. He wants to use our bodies to express Himself on the earth. He makes this appeal based on His mercy.

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