“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.

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 FIRST (FLESH) BIRTH

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

Regardless of how **bad** a person seeks to live,
it cannot change his standing under Grace.

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.

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.

1 “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” This is our new position in Christ

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

IV. Justification by Faith Delivers from the Wrath to come

V. Justification by Faith Delivers us from the Reign of death

VI. Justification by Faith Delivers to us the Free Gift of Eternal Life

VII. Justification by Faith Delivers to us the Gift of Righteousness

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.
GRACE – We Will Stand