Dr. Law and Dr. Grace

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” —Titus 2:11 -14.

“If I could use the Empire State Building for my pulpit and somebody would build for me a public address system that would reach around the world so that I could have over three billion people for my audience and God would grant me the wisdom or sufficient interpreters to speak every language and dialect and I could only bring one message, it would be this message of “Dr. Law and Dr. Grace,” the greatest doctors that ever lived. Satan has done a good job confusing the people about the plan of salvation. Salvation is not a foot race between man and the devil, but it is the gift of God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let’s make just a brief visit now to these two doctors Dr. Law and Dr. Grace - the most unusual doctors the world has ever known, in the first place, because they have never lost a case and never made a charge. They are unusual in that they never have a consultation with any other doctor. They are unusual because they never recommend an external treatment. They are unusual because they never ask the patient for his advice or about any of the signs or symptoms in his case. They speak with authority. They are unusual in the fact that though they have recorded one hundred per cent success with every patient most people have refused to go to them for help.” —Lester Roloff

Chapter I - The Scriptural Basis of This Allegory

Now let us look to the Scriptures in the book of Romans. Romans 3:19, 20

“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. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” Romans 5:13, “For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.” Romans 5:20, 21 “Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 7:5 - 9 "For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sin, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held: that we should serve in newness of spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. What shall we say then? Is the law sin?
God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.” That’s the death we need to die as a sinner.

Romans 7:10 - 18 “And the commandment which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just and good Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.”

Romans 7:24, 25 “O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”

Romans 8:1 - 10 “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but 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. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” Let us read from the book of James. James 2:10, 11 “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.”

Other Scripture References...

Galatians 2:16 - 21 “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build again the things which I
destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

**Galatians 3:10 - 13** “For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: 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. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.”

**Galatians 3:22 - 26** “But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”

**Ephesians 2:8-10** “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”
Chapter II - A Meeting with Dr. Law

I believe the greatest attribute of God would be Grace. God is Grace. The word grace is found for the very first time in Genesis 6:8 “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.” The word grace is found one hundred sixty nine times in the Bible. The greatest theme or message in the Bible is God’s free, unmerited and undeserved favor bestowed upon the human race and there is an unbreakable relationship between law of God and the grace of God. With that in mind, let me be the sinner because all have sinned and come short of the glory of God “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way...” “There is none that doeth good, no, not one.” “There is none righteous, no, not one.”

Therefore, I know I’m having some serious heart trouble and so I make haste for Dr. Law, and Dr. Law is never out to lunch or out of his office and is always ready to see the sinner. His assistant told me that he was waiting for me. I stepped inside his office and started to relate my signs and symptoms to which he said, “I will not need your help,” to which I said, “Do you think you can find out what is wrong with me?” And he said, “No sir, I don’t have to think, I KNOW what is wrong with you, you have heart trouble. You’re just like all the rest of my patients.”

My old flesh rebelled and it didn’t make sense to me that every one of his patients would have the same disease. But after all, dear friend, the law doesn’t make sense to the sinner because . . . “The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

So the flesh gets ready to argue the issue and I say, “Dr. Law, you just don’t understand. I’m having trouble with my hands. I spend a lot of time gambling, cheating and stealing and I’ve even used them to fight with. My hands are giving me trouble.” And Dr. Law said, “No, it’s your heart.”

I said, “Doc, I’m going to have to argue with you, you may be a doctor, but still you don’t understand me. I’m having trouble with my eyes. When my eyes see a beer or a high ball I can’t wait to down one. It’s nothing for me to sit two or three hours in one night and watch filthy Hollywood movies and another hour looking at and reading filthy magazines, looking at women with lustful eyes and lusting after what others have. My eyes are never satisfied so I must be having eye trouble” The old doctor said, “No, my friend, it’s heart trouble - just plain heart trouble.” I said, “Dr. Law, be reasonable about this thing. I’m having trouble with my tongue. It says things that are sharp and ugly words, even smutty jokes have come unrehearsed and unplanned and the cursing comes very easily also. I believe there is something rotten about my tongue. Please examine my tongue.” Dr. Law says, “No, it’s heart trouble.”

By this time, my rebellion had mounted and I tried to tell Dr. Law it was my ears that would listen to ungodly gossip and ungodly rock roll and country music and the smutty and dirty jokes I love to listen to. It was my feet that would dance and carry me to the bars and drinking parties. The worldly friends I would hang out with, my feet would love to follow their footsteps to their ungodly places, places I ought not to go, to which he answered, “You have a bad case of heart trouble.” Once more, in desperation, I said, “Dr. Law, surely there is something wrong with my
taste. I’ve even cultivated a like for intoxicating beverages and even dope and there must be some way you can help my taste.” And Dr. Law said, “That will be taken care of when your heart is fixed.”

In rebellion and desperation I said, “Dr. Law, I’m going to another doctor, I heard that Dr. Catholicism is the True Church and has millions that belong to it and they seem to get the help I need.” To which he said, “Dr. Catholicism knows nothing of your heart condition, they are of the religious folks and they trust in a false belief system that will do you no good for the ailment you have. The world is full of doctors of the religious kind, but you’ll never get well until your heart is made right.” I said to Dr. Law, “Would you recommend any other doctor for a consultation?” He said, “There is only one doctor I would recommend and if you won’t listen to me, you’ll never go to him and I’ll never recommend another.”

Chapter III - Dr. Catholicism and Associates

So I get going down the street and knock on Dr. Catholicism’s door and I am almost sure that he will have the answer because I have heard that they believe they are the True Church and I know that there are many that run to him for help, so I knocked on his door and he said, “Come on in here, Rodney Houle, I’m glad to see you! You are one of those long lost sheep that has left the fold that we have been looking for to come back to the True Church.” And I said, “Yes I’m glad to see you. I’ve been up to see old Dr. Law.” To which Dr. Catholicism said, “Oh, he’s ancient he’s an antique. Catholic folks and religious folks don’t go to him. He hasn’t had the proper training. He doesn’t know anything about the sacraments, mass, eucharist, adoration, beatitudes, lent, the rosary and many more of the Catholic teachings.”

Well, that sounded good to me and I said, “I don’t like Dr. Law myself. Dr. Catholicism, would you just give me an examination and see what’s wrong with me?” He said, “Sure! Come right in the rectory here.” After his examination, he said, “Why, there’s nothing seriously wrong with you. But, I do recommend that you come back to the Catholic church and remember that you received the sacraments and start going to mass regularly again and take the eucharist often as you can again and say the rosary often again and, oh, don’t forget to give up something for lent again each and every year.” And I said, “What should I give up?” “Oh,” he said, “give up drinking beer and whatever else you over indulge in. But, when lent is over you can go right back and indulge in them again if you want.”

So the next several months I went through the RCIA program and rejoined the Catholic church and studied the sacraments and received the eucharist often and went to mass regularly. So I went to mass and received the eucharist every Sunday and even prayed the rosary but I didn’t get any better. I even gave up drinking beer and other things that I liked to indulge in for lent. I went back to Dr. Catholicism and I said, “Dr. Catholicism, I don’t believe I’m any better.” He said, “Well, did you
rejoin the ONE TRUE Catholic church?” I said, “Sure did. I’ve been going to mass and receiving the eucharist every Sunday and even gave up drinking beer for lent.” Then he said, “Did you get rebaptized and reconfirmed?” I said, “yes, I received all the sacraments I could.” He said, “Did you go to confession to confess your sins to the priest?” I said, “just a couple of times.” Dr. Catholicism said, “go to confession every week and that will make you feel better.” I said, “I’ll go to confession and I will get my wife to go also.” Dr. Catholicism said, “has she joined the One True Church the Catholic church?” I said, “oh, she has been a Catholic all her life but, she only goes once in a while to mass, but she is a Catholic though.” Dr. Catholicism said, “Oh, we have a lot of Catholics like that in the church, but she still is a good person and was born again when she was baptized as an infant, so she will be alright.” So I went down to the St. Lady of the Lakes Catholic church where I had joined and went to confession every week but my wife only went once in a while. But I did my penance that my priest told me to do every time I went to confession, ten hail Mary’s and five Our Fathers, but I didn’t feel any better for very long. So I went back to Dr. Catholicism and I said, “Dr. Catholicism, there’s something wrong I’m not really any better.” “Well,” he said, “are you really working at it? Take some job in the church and start helping others more.” Dr. Catholicism then said, “after taking that job in the church, helping others and doing numerous good deeds, why don’t you make a pilgrimage to Medjugorje and to Rome to see the Pope.” And so I did. But in all this I got weary in the struggle and the pilgrimage to Medjugorje and observing the Pope and kissing his hand just didn’t help. Then the deacon of the Catholic Church recommended a couple of brothers who were associate doctors with Dr. Catholicism who were, Dr. Be Good and Dr. Do Good and so I went to them and they told me what to do. I tried giving to the poor, sending money to the Marians, joining their organization and took part in their teachings and I even started to visit the sick in the hospital, but to no avail did any of this help. There was no certainty and no assurance of salvation. And then Dr. Catholicism recommended Dr. Hope So. I told Dr. Catholicism I heard that everyone else and even the head deacon of the Catholic church went to Dr. Hope So. Dr. Catholicism said, “Oh yes minions in the Catholic church follow after Dr. Hope So because we really can’t know for sure about anything, many things are a Mystery and we will just follow after Dr. Hope So and hope to go to heaven when we die because you really can’t know for sure anyways. We let God decide that when we die.” After I saw Dr. Hope So, in which he could not help me, I heard about Dr. Think So and ask Dr. Catholicism if Dr. Think So could help me. Dr. Catholicism said, “Dr. Think So is another doctor we like to tell those in the Catholic church to go see because we can’t think for ourselves we need the Pope, cardinals, bishops, deacons and priests to do the thinking for us because we can’t really understand the bible so we let Dr. Think So guide us through the bible.” Dr. Think So has some very educated associates that help us in our teachings, so Dr. Thinks So should help you.” But neither Dr. Hope So or Dr. Think So or his associates were able to help me. And now - weary, tired, exhausted, in despair and at the end of self - I decided I’d go back to Dr. Law. Dr. Catholicism said, “that isn’t good to do because the Catholic church is the One and only TRUE church because of our first Pope St. Peter founded it and the gates of hell will
not prevail against it. It is not going to do any good to go back there because we are the answer to everything you need to know. If you just give the grace of the sacraments a chance to work in you and make you whole or give the grace of the eucharist a chance to give you what you need to make you whole. Or just give the mass to give you the grace to make you whole and better inside.” I said to Him, “they have not helped it all so why should I keep doing something that is not able to help me in my ailment.” I didn’t listen to Dr. Catholicism and went back to Dr. Law anyways.

Chapter IV - Back To Dr. Law

Dr. Law was waiting for me, the same stern, obstinate old doctor with the same diagnosis, “It’s your heart” to which I said, “What do you recommend?” I have been to Dr. Catholicism the religious folks but I do not feel any better.” He said, “Only one thing will do and that’s an operation. Your heart will have to come out and a new one put in.” I said, “Dr. Law, when will you operate?” And he said, “I don’t operate.” To which I said, “You mean I’m going to have to die even though you know what’s wrong with me?” “I didn’t say,” returned Dr. Law, “that you had to die. So far as I’m concerned, you’ve got to die - I only make the diagnosis. But if you really want to live, I’ll tell you what to do.”

And so this trembling, perspiring sinner looked into the face of this unrelenting doctor and said, “Please help me, Dr. Catholicism the religious folks and all their associates couldn’t help me and all their masses and sacraments and taking the eucharist couldn’t help me, please help me Dr. Law!” Dr. Law said, “Son, many that have went to Dr. Catholicism have come back to me, so don’t worry, this doctor will help you.” And he took me by the hand and led me across the hall and knocked on an office door and a handsome, loving, smiling doctor came to the door and Dr. Law said, “Dr. Grace, this is Rodney Houle, and he’s got the same trouble all my other patients that I’ve brought to you have had. He’s coming to you for an operation. Oh, by the way, this is one is from the Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church.” Dr. Grace said, no worry, many that have come to me never go back there, they have no power like I have.”

Chapter V - The Operation

By that time, Dr. Law had slipped away and gone back into his office and left me standing alone in the presence of Dr. Grace and with fear and trembling, the questions began to come.

First of all, “Dr. Grace, will you let Dr. Law or maybe Dr. Catholicism help you operate?” And he said, “No, I’ve never had ANYONE help me not even the Catholic Church. Why would you want Dr. Catholicism help you, he didn’t help you in the first place that’s why you are here now.” I said, “Dr. Grace, have you
some good religious folks or priest’s or deacon’s from the Catholic church to help you?” He said, “No, sir. I’ve never had any religious folks or priest’s nor a deacon from the Catholic church— I do it all.” I said, “Dr. Grace, will you let me pray to Mary to help give me a good anesthetic and put me into a deep sleep? Dr. Catholicism said she was a helper and intercessor for me.” He said, “No, sir. I NEVER needed any prayers to Mary, for she is not the giver of grace nor is she an intercessor and nor can the sacraments give grace. My son, I want you to know, what I CAN ONLY DO FOR YOU and what I DID FOR YOU, THAT YOU ARE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH, so you can tell the world about it.” I said, “Dr. Grace, will you let me call the Pope and let him come and stand by me?” And Dr. Grace smiled and said, “No, son, I don’t need any Pope, this is a personal matter just between me and you. You can tell the Pope after it’s all over.” I said, “Dr. Grace, I’m scared, can I hang on to my rosary” and he said, as he placed his big hand on my trembling shoulder, “did it help you before? No it didn’t, so, my son you don’t need any such thing with string and beads because that’s all it is string and beads. You don’t have to be afraid - I’ve never lost a case. This will be a successful operation.” I said, “Dr. Grace, what about the charges and the expense of this tremendous operation because I’ve had to pay money for masses and indulgences to help me out of purgatory when I die?” He said, “those things are lies my son, It’s already paid for.” I said, “Who paid for it?” He said, “A Friend of yours.” I said, “oh, I’d like to meet Him.” He said, “After the operation, I’ll let you meet Him, I’ll introduce you to Him.” I said, “Dr. Grace, is it true that you are going to take my old heart out and put in a new one?” He said, “Yes.” I said, “How come Dr. Catholicism and the religious folks never told me about this?” He said, “They don’t know about this great miracle because all they want you to do is join the Catholic church and go to mass, receive the sacraments, take the eucharist and do good deeds, they do not know anything about being born again.” I said, “Where are you going to get the new heart?” He said, “You’ll find out after the operation.” And so just by faith, I lay down on the operating table and the great surgeon, Dr. Grace, took the knife and sliced open my heart section and out came the blackest heart with the most terrible odor— oh, it was so sickening! And for the first time, I realized that Dr. Law was right it was heart trouble. In a moment Dr. Grace had thrown that old heart away and brought a new one— so pure and clean and put it in and closed the incision, not even leaving a scar. I felt the flow of new life, color came to my spiritual cheeks and my tongue began to say, “Now I feel better-fact is, I feel wonderful.” In a moment with a smile on my face and tears of gratitude coursing down my cheeks, I said, “Dr. Grace I didn’t feel this way when I did all what the Catholic church taught me to do. Do I need to keep going to confession to the priest and take the eucharist and keep going to mass every week and keep praying to Mary?” He said, “Son that won’t be necessary ANYMORE. As a matter of fact you need to flee from the false teachings of the Catholic Church.” Then I said, “When shall I come back for the check up?” Dr. Grace said, “Son, no checkup will be necessary, the operation is a success and this is permanent” I said, “What do you recommend?” He said, “Find a good Bible preaching church one that preachers the TRUE Gospel and the Word of God. Just take some good exercises each day.” And I said, “Do you have any
particular exercises?” To which he said, “Yes, tell the preacher you want to follow in believers baptism and then kneel and even raise your hands and praise God and at times, especially in privacy, stretch out on your face and pray. Take some good walks through the community, knocking on doors and sharing the Gospel to your lost family and friends. Exercise your vocal chords in praise and pray daily and read and study the Word of God.”

Chapter VI - An Introduction To The Savior

I started out at the door and something inside said, “Go back.” I said, “Dr. Grace, you told me you’d introduce me to the Friend who paid my bill,” and he said, “I thought you’d come back.” And stepping through a door came the loveliest Friend I’ve ever met. When He raised His hands, I saw the nail prints in His wrists and then looked down and saw the nail prints in His feet. On His brow were thorn scars. When His lovely robe fell apart, I saw the spear print in His side. Dr. Grace said, “Jesus. I want you to meet Rodney Houle.” And as I looked at that scar in His side, I said, “Dr. Grace, I now understand where my new heart came from. He gave me His.” And I fell on my face and said, “It’s time to start my exercises.” Then He spoke to me and said, “Rodney, you are now mine, I bought you, you have trusted ONLY ME FOR YOUR SALVATION; [still lying prostrate before Him, He continued to say.] I AM the one that shed the blood and died in your place and paid the price for your sins; I AM the one that went to hell for you that you deserved for your sins; I AM the one that arose from the dead to prove that I AM the ONLY SAVIOUR.” I praised Him and shouted “TO HIM BE THE GLORY AND HONOR THE LAMB OF GOD FOREVER AND EVER.”

After a season of praise and thanksgiving and adoring the One who died and arose for me, I walked joyfully and victoriously down the sidewalk of life, but was reminded once again to go back to the old doctor that I first hated. When I walked inside, he met me with a smile. I extended my hand and his big strong hand gripped mine and I said, “Thank you, Dr. Law, for telling me what was wrong with me.” I was amazed that Dr. Law looked so handsome and seemed so different and I had sweet fellowship with him and I’ll always love him for leading me to Dr. Grace.

Sinner friend, I can now recommend these two great doctors. Dr. Law will show you where you’re wrong and Dr. Grace will make you right. Commit your case to Dr. Law and Dr. Grace, dismiss Dr. Catholicism the religious folks and all their false teachings and all other hopes of being saved and come God’s way the only way.