



Reigning in Life Through Jesus

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God's plan for the Church is that we be saved by grace and then live by faith in God's grace.

I. We get to holiness, or right living, through the grace of God.

- Those who believe righteousness is an action still need instruction.
- Sons and daughters know that they are *made* righteous—it is a gift (2 Corinthians 5:21).

II. The Law was for children, grace is for fully mature sons.

- The law contained the elementary principles of God, and it was administered by guardians and stewards (Galatians 4:1-3).
- Grace is for fully mature sons and daughters and is administered by Jesus (Galatians 4:5-7).
- In Christ we are fully mature sons and daughters the moment we are born again.

III. Identify your mother.

- Ishmael was born of Hagar when Abram's natural body was functioning. The child was born of a human action.
- Isaac was born of Sarah when neither Abraham nor Sarah could have children. The child was a gift to make a way for the will of God—who was Jesus—to be born into the earth.
- Isaac was the heir, and we are heirs, too, as we are born again by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8).

TAKE ACTION:

- Write how you can determine whether you are operating by the Law or by grace—a sense of stress or the peace that comes from the fruit of the spirit.
