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The law of Moses was based upon a set of rules and regulations, instructions of life, do's and don'ts, if you will. One day you could be accepted by God and the next day rejected. Law demands policing, judging, and punishing. Under the law, no man was justified and all were condemned.

The Gospels, however, paint a different picture. When God's Son gave His life as a ransom for all men, things changed. Mankind was reconciled and came under the umbrella of God's grace. The law was satisfied, judgment was served, and penalty paid. We no longer find our approach to God through the regulated do's and don'ts, but rather through the consecrated "done". Jesus did it, it is done, it is finished, and we, by faith, become recipients of that completed work. We do not keep God's rules so that we can be accepted by Him but rather we do His will because we are accepted by Him.

Prayer for Today

Father, I accept Your Son Jesus as my Savior and place Him on the throne of my life. I choose to live my life by faith in His finished work. Amen.

Scriptures for Today

Romans 3:20-22 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference ... (NKJV)

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (NKJV)