

# FREE IN TORAH

You may ask,

**“What about Law & Grace? Isn’t the Old Testament the age of Law and the New Testament the age of Grace?”**

Simply, No. The age of Law and Grace has always been. They are a couple; they go hand in hand. You cannot have one without the other. They are not head butting opposites. They are like a delicious combo, like good ol’ chocolate and peanut butter, like peanut butter and jelly. They compliment each other and make each one taste better. Actually, there is more Grace in the Older Covenant than in the Renewed Covenant. Grace is mentioned 251 times in the Tanak, and only 50 times in the New Testament (brit Chadasha)!

Think of it this way. **Law=Righteousness by works.**

**Grace=Righteousness by faith.** “Saved by Grace, kept by Works,” as a Rebbetzin (the Rabbi’s wife) once said.

Abraham believed Elohim and accounted it unto him as righteousness. (Gen. 15:6, James 2:23) Yet Abraham still had to go through with sacrificing Isaac. James, (Ya’akov) said that faith without works is dead. (2:14-26) Be not hearers only and deceive yourself but be doers. (James 1:22-27, Rom. 2:13) He said show me

your faith without works and I will show you my faith by my works.  
(James 2:18)

You believe the promises of Elohim, the Scriptures, salvation, Messiah. You show your faith and your love by keeping the Commandments. Being faithful (full of faith) to your spouse is keeping the covenant of your marriage vows. You show your faithfulness by your actions. But, you are “unfaithful” when you cheat on your spouse, when you break your marital vows. And in like manner, when you break the Commandments (marriage vows to YHWH) you are being unfaithful to YHWH. Therefore, when you keep Torah, you are showing YHWH you are full of faith. The Scriptures say, “If you love me keep my commandments.” (Jn. 14:15) Proverbs says, (4:2) “For I have given you good doctrine, DO NOT forsake MY Torah.”

Here in America, we are called the “Free Nation,” “Land of the Free.” Yet we have more laws than any nation on earth. It is actually the laws that ensure our freedom and prevent anarchy and chaos. Same with the Torah, it assures our freedom in Messiah. It keeps decency and order (1 Cor. 14:40).