

Accusations And Judgments

Accepting And Making Accusations Is Stopping Grace In Our Lives (Getting Us Off The Grace Track)!

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Every day we face accusations. Every day we have to deal with judgments coming our way and often judgments coming from us. We are either being accused or accusing. Like refereeing we judge ourselves or others judge us. Accusations come in the form of speculations, opinions, and reports on facts. Sometimes good people are stopped in their tracks because of false accusations. Sometimes the damage is done just by bringing up accusations. Reputations are destroyed by one good rumor that stems from an accusation or charge.

Have you noticed that a lot of life is all about accusations? Indeed, we live with our ears to the winds listening and taking in our own situations based upon what is being said...opinions, opinions, and more opinions. Listen to proverbs addressing reputations:

Pr. 25:9 Debate your case with your neighbor, **and do not disclose the secret to another;**
10 Lest he who hears it expose your shame, **and your reputation be ruined.**

Pr 22:1 **A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,**
Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

How many of us have lived by or been influenced by this statement, *"What will the neighbors think?"* A good accusation can spread **like wildfire** and bring down mighty men. One of the Ten Commandments is, *"Thou shalt not bear false witness!"* Lies, deceptions, and deceit stem

from false accusations (otherwise known as gossip and slander) all in the effort to form, change, or damage someone's opinion.

Pr 10:18 Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, **And whoever spreads slander is a fool.**

Le 19:16 **You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor**: I am the LORD.

Pr 11:13 **A talebearer reveals secrets**, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

Pr 18:8 **The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.**

Bearing false witness is obviously evil because no one would want that done to them; however, what about being a true witness? Some accusations and charges can be true what about them? Although accusations and charges can be true and faithful to the facts ***it all depends upon the motive behind it.***

There is a saying about the devil that often applies to human beings, *"He only tells the truth when it is to his advantage."* Or as some are known to do, *"They only tell you what they want you to know."*

Manipulation and deceit are cousins. Manipulation is to deliberately use portions of the truth to influence someone else; deceit is to speak the truth and lie at the same time. To *"tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth"* use to be a standard for those testifying in court and the pledge was taken as an oath upon the Bible. Here is something to keep in mind, just because a statement is true and factual doesn't mean ***it is a righteous statement.***

All Matters Of Truth Are Judged By God's Standard Of Love, Faithfulness, And Righteousness.

As strange as this might sound sometimes just telling the truth without regard to love is evil. The satanic when they accuse us before God in this realm are often telling “*just the truth.*” The demonic might argue, “*This one lied, stole, and misrepresented the truth!*” The demonic might come to you and accuse you of being unworthy, unclean and guilty of wrong doing and that is the truth as we stand on our own. **Yet, we do not stand alone ever again;** we belong to God and have been bought with a price—the blood of Christ. Therefore, we are forgiven, cleansed, redeemed, and have been *given the gift of righteousness (Rom. 5:17).*

Even The Truth When Used As An Accusation Can Be Evil Especially When It Is Used To Stop The Believer From Believing God.

The Fiery Darts:

This is what the devil is after to get us out of grace and back into condemnation, guilt, and unworthiness so that we’ll miss God’s redemption **for today.** How? It is by accusations and charges coming at us or from within.

Let’s Stop and Look at the Act of Accusations

We need to step back and examine this phenomenon, because if we don’t we’ll continue to be subject to its power. We are no longer subject to accusations and charges having been redeemed from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13).

The Only Opinion That Really Matters Is God’s Opinion.

This is what Jesus did:

Php 2:7 **but made Himself of no reputation,** taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

When we become *God conscious* and *Jesus focused* **we are limiting our vulnerability to accusations, charges, gossip, or slander from the world.** When our whole life relates to Jesus our Lord and what pleases God we must and will stop letting what others think, say or do affect us.

Listen to Jesus' statement:

Joh 5:44 "How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?"

We are being hindered from within our own hearts ***because we give power to the honor of men.*** We are afraid of what others might think.

We are afraid of man:

Proverbs 29: 25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

The purpose of charges and accusations from within and from without is **to get us off God's game plan** which is to trust in the Lord and dwell in His well being! Who is accusing us and where do these accusations come from?

Who Is Accusing Us?

Satan & The Demonic

According to scripture Satan is called the accuser of the brethren. Listen to this verse:

Re 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, **for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night,** has been cast down.

Our Own Conscience

Yet, he is not the only source given in scripture from which accusations come. Another source is our own conscience. This verse speaks to this struggle:

Ro 2:15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

The Law Of Moses

Surprising but true, it is the law that twenty-four seven brings judgment and accusations against sinners. The Law of Moses was given not to save us but to reveal to us our need for salvation.

Joh 5:45 "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust.

Jesus Said His Words Judge us!

Jesus is the savior who did not come to judge or condemn the world but to save it; nevertheless, His words spoken are that which discerns the truth and divides the lies against the facts. Jesus' words will decide the outcome and therefore stand in judgment of us depending upon our response to them.

Joh 12:47 "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Other People Accuse & Judge

We all are very familiar with people judging and condemning us. Our world is full of condemnation and accusations. Who among us has not felt the disdain, rejection, cut off, and condemnation of others? People

judge from selfishness, sin nature, and appearances...many accusations are given even before hearing the other side of things.

Pr 18:13 He **who answers a matter before he hears it**, It is folly and shame to him.

Mt 7:1 "**Judge not, that you be not judged.**

Mt 7:2 "**For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged;** and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

John 7:24 "**Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.**"

Does it matter what source accusations and judgments come from? In one sense it doesn't; however, knowing the source of accusations helps to defeat them. When we became born again *a miracle happened* and we were placed in a new position. Although accusations and judgments will come that doesn't mean **we should accept any of them.**

Jesus said:

Joh 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me** has everlasting life, **and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.**

Accusations and judgments are not life producing but instead bring condemnation and death. Accusations are meant to oppose, expose, and stop us in our tracks. Satan (through others) accuses in order to get us into *sin consciousness*. In this place we are self defeating because we accept the accusations knowing that we are sinners and guilty of being law breakers.

Guilt And Condemnation Prevent Us From Receiving Or Believing God's Grace On Our Behalf.

Accusations are like *fiery darts* designed to penetrate our innermost being and cause us to self recriminate. When we embrace accusations, even if they are actually true, **our faith in grace is hindered**. When we feel unclean because of sin and guilt; we do not believe we have been forgiven and cleansed from all our sins (II Pet. 1:9). We are being burdened with guilt and self loathing so that we do not walk in righteousness. Accusations prod, goad, and pull at our sin conscience and are such a powerful distraction for us. We become entangled with the law all over again. This causes us to be under bondage and fall from grace.

Ga 5:4 **You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.**

We are ripe in our sin conscious condition to hear, receive, and believe accusations against ourselves and others. Both of these do not bring life but death into relationships and circumstances.

The Power Of Grace Is Stopped When We Are Under Condemnation.

Grace is not earned; grace is a gift. When we get caught in accusations and judgments we have left the realm of grace and are operating under the law. Under the law we lose because it is performance based and we perform poorly. Under the law we get what we deserve and grace is of no effect (Gal. 5:1-4). **Grace means we are in Christ by faith and not standing on our own.**

What Is The Power Of Accusation? What Makes It So Destructive? Why Would Accusations Be Used To Stop Grace?

These questions are meant to help us understand the battle we are in every day. That battle is to be grace minded. While we walk in the flesh,

because we are born again, we are no longer to be judged according to the flesh.

II Cor 5:16 **Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh**. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.
17 **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**
18 **Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ**, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

The world of the flesh is judgments and accusations because we were under the law. The ministry of the law is condemnation and death (II Cor. 3:9). The world of the Spirit is life and peace. There is therefore, no condemnation in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1). Why is this true? It is because our Lord paid the penalty taking upon *Himself* all condemnation and judgment.

John 12:32 **“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all (judgment) to Myself.”**

The Great Good News: Accusations Have Been Disarmed!

If we are convinced that all judgment and condemnation has been atoned for there is nothing that we can be accused of...the weapon of accusations lies in the law! Without the law, there is nothing to use as a standard to accuse anyone for...only law breakers are in a place to be accused!

When Satan or anyone else accuses us it is from the *standpoint of measuring us against the law*. Once the law is atoned for (fulfilled and paid) then all accusations are **literally invalid**. This is the meaning of this passage in regards to our savior's atonement:

Col. 2:13 **And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,**
14 **having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us,** which was contrary to us. **And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.**
15 **Having disarmed principalities and powers,** He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.
16 **So let no one judge you...**

For us today, as born again believers, to accept accusations against us that are based upon the Law of Moses is fundamentally wrong. It is the difference between *carnal Christianity* (accepting the accusations) and being *spiritually minded* (refusing the accusations).

When Jesus became our life, **we died to the law and the law's claims against us were atoned for** (Rom.7:6). For us to accept accusations based upon sin and the law is **double jeopardy**. God's righteousness has justified us through the precious blood of Christ. This is why this passage proclaims there is nothing that can separate us from His love:

Rom. 8: 33 **Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.**

34 **Who is he who condemns?** It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, **who also makes intercession for us.**

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

In most certain terms, we are free from accusations, blame, and guilt in Christ Jesus! This means the enemy, who is the accuser of the brethren; even though he with his demonic hoard continues day and night to accuse us, **have no power to make it stick.** The power to make it stick was the law's judgment, and condemnation. It rested in God's law of sowing and reaping:

Gal. 6: 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; **for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.**

8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

And,

I Cor. 15: 56 The sting of death is sin, **and the strength of sin is the law.**

Now that the Law has been fulfilled in Him, there is no condemnation and no accusation **that God will hear or sustain.** God is not looking the other way or ignoring our sins, wrong doings, or unrighteous acts (even as born again believers); He has already forgiven us of all our trespasses and sins in the cross of Christ forever (Heb. 10:14).

God Is Just In Justifying Us From Our Sins And Never Receiving Another Accusation Against Us!

The truth is that the payment in Jesus was far more than all the sins of all humanity put together. Although Jesus suffered greatly and died a human death He was not obliterated or annihilated. He rose from the dead showing that His sacrifice was greater than the judgment. **God's love and mercy triumphed over judgment.** Jesus' substitution more than covered all sins forever (Heb. 10:14)...

The world continues on as if things have not changed. Satan and the demonic do not want us to believe that Christ's death has changed anything in this life.

Accusations And Charges Abound But Where Sin Abounds *Grace Much More* (Rom. 5:20)!

The Wiles And Tricks Of The Enemy

If and when we sin the deceitfulness of sinning is that we **become hardened towards grace** and vulnerable to accusations, charges, and judgments against us; however, in truth we have passed from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light in Christ Jesus (Col. 1:13). We are no longer under judgment.

By Faith In God's Provided Grace We Stand Above The Law *In Relationship To Jesus.*

The enemy wants to stop us from believing in Jesus and one of the major ways to do this is to get ***us caught up in accusations.*** Like bait accusations come before us or come at us to get us off the grace track. When we accept our guilt and feel the need to repay, or pay penance, or take the time to remorse over our sins; we have moved from grace to being under the law and performance.

Our Proper Response!

Our proper response is to accept our forgiveness **and give thanks for God's provision in the atonement.** Our proper response is to acknowledge the wrong and make restitution where possible; but do not remain in defeat, self pity, guilt, remorse, as if we must pay a price.

The sense of unworthiness and uncleanness that comes from sin is a response of pride from the old man (sin nature within us). Furthermore, any effort on our part to get God to accept us is *self righteousness.* **Our acceptance is based solely in what Jesus did for us and our believing in**

Him. We are accepted and in the beloved as born again believers—this never changes.

It Is Foolish To Work For Something That God Has Already Given To Us. All Of Our Efforts To Be In Right Standing With God, Because We Have Sinned, Is Fruitless.

If we are feeling off track, stuck, and wondering if God is upset, disappointed, or angry with us; *this is sin consciousness* and likely comes from *accepting accusations*. The enemy has successfully gotten us to take the bait that we are not good enough and feeling out of favor with God.

There really isn't anyone who could stand before God's Holiness and not be riddled with accusation after accusation. No one is righteous and can be justified in His sight. **No efforts of the law will ever make us holy before Him.** There is no one who is not vulnerable to charges, judgments, and complaints of failure of not measuring up—no one. If Satan can get us examining ourselves we're going to miss grace.

Stop The Inventory Get Rid Of The Check List

We have taken the bait when we start taking inventory of our own righteousness. Maybe we'll reason within our own hearts that we have done this or that right. We might argue that we have done the best we can under the circumstances. We might add that no one could do better. Some of us have a check list that we must measure up to every day. What does this **check list** look like?

- Did I do the right things today?
- Did I work hard enough to be worthy of acceptance?
- Was I faithful in prayer?
- Did I read enough of God's Word?
- Did I make the right choices today?
- Was I kind enough to those who really bother me?
- Did I keep my sinfulness to a minimum?
- I hope I wasn't too selfish?

Did I do a good deed today?

Each of us has a list that we use to evaluate our status before the Lord every day.

Was I a good enough dad, mom, brother, sister, neighbor, co-worker?

Did I honor God?

Did I show enough love?

I wish I could be more spiritual than I am...and on it goes.

We have this inner witness and our conscience reflects how we feel about it.

1Co 4:3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, **I do not even judge myself.**

Have you noticed that when this inner struggle is not going well; when we are feeling *especially guilty or falling short* of our normal Christian standard; we become insecure, edgy, sensitive, and irritable? We might be overly defensive and if someone says the wrong thing we just plain over react. We might call it being out of sorts.

We Might Be Feeling A Little Unbalanced Towards The Guilty Side Of Life.

If the enemy can get us to take the bait and accept accusations and charges against ourselves *that* takes **us from the realm of grace back under the law and natural way of things**. If we are accepting charges and accusations about ourselves we'll ***in turn charge and accuse others***.

Who Are We To Judge Another Person (Rom. 14:2)? Who Are We To Charge And Accuse As If We Have Any Righteousness To Stand On?

Our righteousness is of the Lord. If we judge at all **we judge according to the Spirit**. If we have an opinion, a view on a matter, let it be what we know of the Spirit.

1Co 2:15 **But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.**

Joh 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, **but judge with righteous judgment.**"

The Right Judgment Cures All Bad Judgment

If we would judge ourselves with righteous judgment there is no judgment possible against us that we should receive a charge or accusation. When we do accept a charge or accusation against us as in breaking the law of love, we have not used righteous judgment as strange as that might sound. We have reverted back to being under the law and only bondage results from that position.

Freedom From Guilt, Condemnation, Fear Of Accusations And Charges That Stick, Comes From Being In Christ By Faith.

We are free not to judge anyone nor accept the judgment of others according to the flesh. This freedom comes as we accept grace upon grace and **identify not with our fallen man but the new creation.**

The Hidden Lies We've Accepted

We often do not realize we are taking in accusations and charges against us. We are so used to being under the law and judgment we readily accept them. Stand back, stand ready, and take inventory **not of our failings, guilt, and sins; but take inventory of the accusations we have accepted about ourselves.**

These accusations are causing us to feel dirty, unclean, guilty, and unworthy of God's grace—a failure. The enemy is attacking us with *sin consciousness* in order to get us off the grace track. We need to expel

and expose personal charges and accusations that rail within and be delivered.

We Are Delivered When We Believe God's Report Over Against Any Other Report.

Just as effective at stopping grace in our lives as the acceptance of accusations against us is; **is to make accusations and charges of judgment against others.** This carries over into *even listening* to the accusations from others about others...

Pr 17:4 **An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.**

Conclusion:

Satan is pulling, yanking, disturbing, distracting, and provoking us to listen to and make accusations against ourselves and others. When we receive and accept accusations, even if we are unaware, we are returning to be under the law.

In this place grace is stopped and Christ is of no effect in our lives (Gal. 5:4). We cancel out grace **by not living to it.** Ignorant or not, we must realize that accusations, charges, tale bearing, factual or not are not coming to set us free but get us into condemnation (of self or others). When we sin as Christians and do those things we know we shouldn't be doing, the result is that we are hardened towards grace **and more receptive of accusations and judgments.**

Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13). We are no longer under the law but under grace—if we believe the right things and act on them. If we revert back to being under the influence of the law Satan is deceiving us and we are taking the bait. **Without the law** (the standard of God's love), there is nothing to judge against or make accusations from. As born again believers, we are no longer of this kingdom where the law dominates all things. We are now in a new kingdom, relating to Jesus, walking in the Spirit, and believing grace.

Accusations, Charges, And False Lips Have Been Disarmed!

They are powerless to those who walk after the Spirit. We forgive ourselves; we forgive others even before the wrongs are done (forbearance). We don't judge ourselves; we don't judge others according to the flesh any more.

We Make Righteousness And Peace The Planks We Walk And Stand On Through The Gift Of Salvation In The Lord.

We are saved and literally not to be of this world's ways any more. We are new creations and because of the Love of God abiding, poured out upon us, we are no *longer insecure*. We have peace and know that we are accepted, beloved, **and God will never accept accusations against us again—because of Jesus who is in us.**

What does this do for us? This establishes us in grace! We'll find the favor of God manifesting in our life because by our obedience to these things we are in faith—**the highest form of faith.**

In this place our heart is receptive, expecting, and open to the things of God. We are no longer under the law and stagnant, stuck, and in a place of barrenness. God's favor is free to flow through us. Our provisions, protection, healing, and financial worries are all fixed. We will see miracles of God's gifts manifesting all around us.

If we'll stop accepting, holding, or speaking accusations the power of God and the authority of the name of Jesus will be freed in our life. We aren't earning God's blessing, we have it; **but by our continued disobedience and disagreement with the grace of God** (Satan has deceived us), we've taken the bait, and have stopped God's grace.

We Simply Do Not Believe God!

We are judging ourselves and others by accepting or making accusations—stop! When we repent and turn away from these things life will flow greater and greater through us. No more recriminations, no

more condemnations, no more guilt; **just the liberty of accepting the gift of righteousness in Him. Amen.**