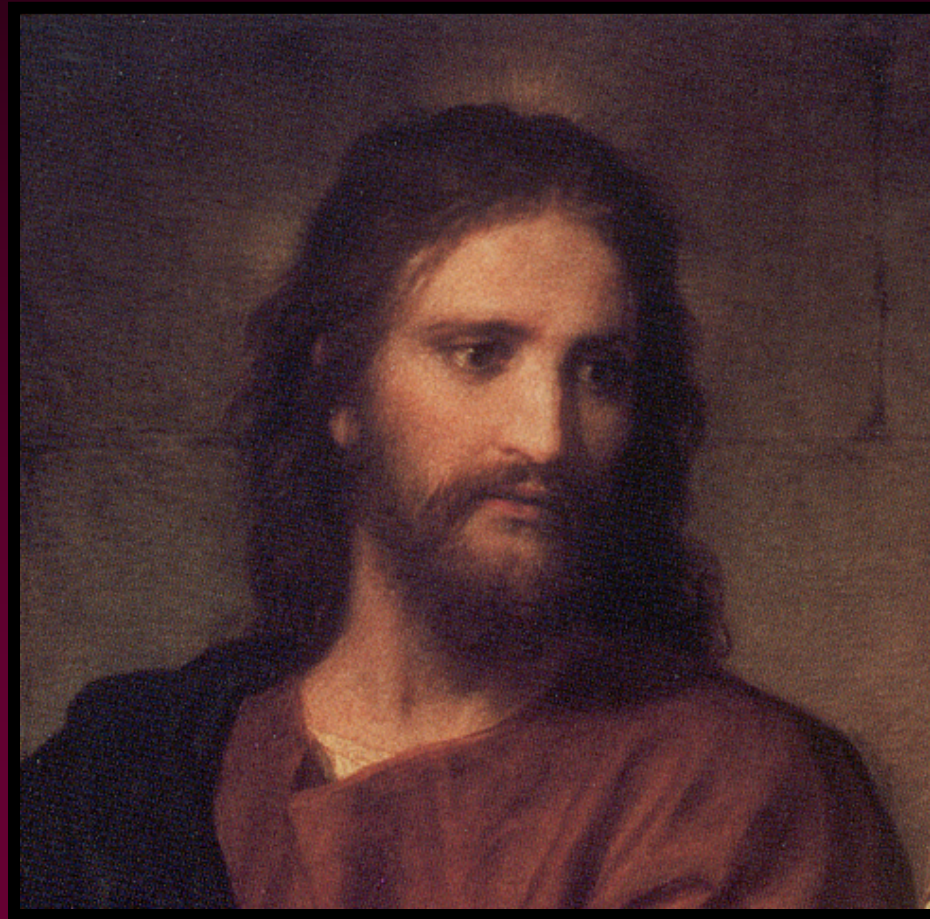


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# Topics

- Sin, transgression, Law of Justice & the Fall
- Salvation by works?
- The need for Grace
- Salvation by Grace

# Sin and Transgression

- If there is no law – there is no sin
  - 2 Nephi 2:13, Alma 42:17
- Sin is transgression of the law
  - 1 John 3:4
- Definitions for our discussion today
  - **Sin** - a person violates a law deliberately
  - **Transgression** - a person violates a law unknowingly
    - Unaware of law (ignorance)
    - Non sufficient maturity to understand (Lack of accountability)

# Law of Justice

- Every violation of law entails a punishment
  - Alma 42:22
- Every obedience of law entails a reward
  - D&C 130:20-21
- Man punished only for what he is guilty of
  - Articles of Faith:2

# The Fall of Man

- Effects of the fall (separation from God)
  - Physical death
  - Spiritual death
- Unconditional aspect of the Atonement
  - All resurrected (physical death) (1 Cor 15:22)
  - All brought back to the presence of God for judgement (spiritual death) (2 Nephi 9:38, Alma 40:11)
  - Those guilty of "transgression" but not "sin"
    - Justice demands payment regardless
    - Atonement meets demands of justice
      - Example: Redemption of little children (D&C 137:10)

# "Fall of Me"

- All born separated from God because of Adam's transgression
- We remain separated because of our own "fall"
  - Because of our sins
- We could enter back into God's presence
  - If we could purify ourselves (overcome "fall of me")
    - D&C 67:10, D&C 88:68, D&C 93:1, Ether 3:13
    - Involves "works"
      - Faith, repentance, obedience

# Saved by our Works?

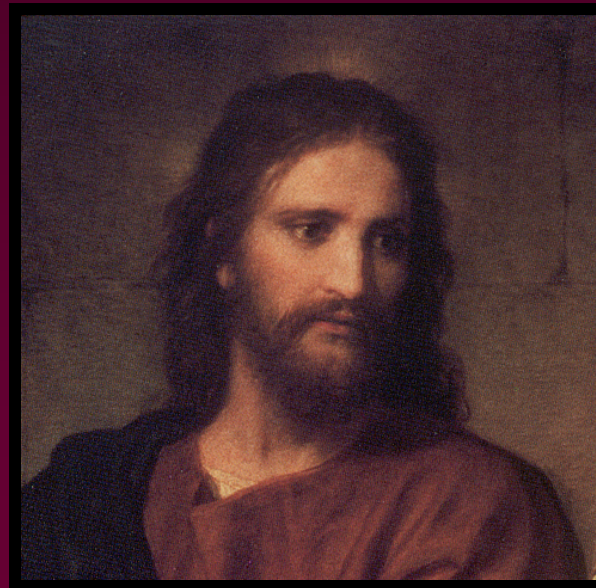
- Is it by our works that we are saved from spiritual death?

**NO!**

- Demands of the law of Justice
  - Only takes one violation to be in debt (James 2:10)
  - Only two ways to meet the demands of Justice
    - Keep the law perfectly and never get in debt
    - Pay the debt of suffering
- No one justified by law (2 Nephi 2:5, Rom. 3:20)
  - Only Christ kept the law perfectly
  - Everyone else is in debt (Rom. 3:23)

# The Need for Grace

- Impossible for a man to be justified by his own works
- A Mediator is required to meet the demands of justice and apply mercy





# Christ – Mediator & Advocate



- Christ kept laws of God perfectly
  - He was justified by his works
  - He avoided the debt
  - He qualified himself to return to the Father
- Through the Atonement, Christ met the demands of the law for all the rest of mankind
  - The Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5-6)
  - Our Advocate with the Father (D&C 45:3-5)
    - Gerald Lund:  
"Nothing man could do for himself could bring him past that judgment bar successfully without such an Advocate. That is why eternal life is always a gift" (Salvation: By Grace or by Works, Ensign Apr 1981, pg 7)

# Conditional Aspect of the Atonement



- Grace is conditional
  - Faith, repentance, baptism, & receipt of the Holy Ghost (2 Nephi 31:13)
  - Broken heart & contrite spirit (2 Nephi 2:7)
- Faith is the principle that activates the power of the Atonement in our lives
  - We are justified through and by our faith (Gal 2:16, Rom 3:28)
  - Analogy of the Powerhouse (Salvation: By Grace or by Works, Ensign Apr 1981, pg 7)

# How do I "earn" it?



- It is free – we can not earn or buy it
  - 2 Nephi 26:25, 2 Nephi 9:50
  - "His was a great vicarious gift in behalf of all who would ever live upon the earth" ("The Living Christ," 2)
- 2 Nephi 2:7
  - "unto all those who have a broken heart and a contrite spirit"
  - D. Todd Christofferson
    - "it is not that we earn these gifts, but rather that we choose to seek and accept" (D. Todd Christofferson, "Justification and Sanctification", Ensign, June 2001, pg 18)

# We Are Saved by Grace



- Saved by Christ's love from Physical Death
- Saved by Christ's love from Spiritual Death
- Saved from sin and transgression by the grace of God
  - Gerald Lund (2<sup>nd</sup> Quorum of 70):  
"The atoning power of God unto salvation is a freely available gift from him—but our works of righteousness are essential to bring the gift into power in our lives."  
(Salvation: By Grace or by Works, Ensign Apr 1981, pg 7)

# "Then is his grace sufficient for you"



- Ephesians 2:8-10
- 2 Nephi 25:23

- Moroni 10:32-33

"Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, *then is his grace sufficient for you*, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ...

then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ"

