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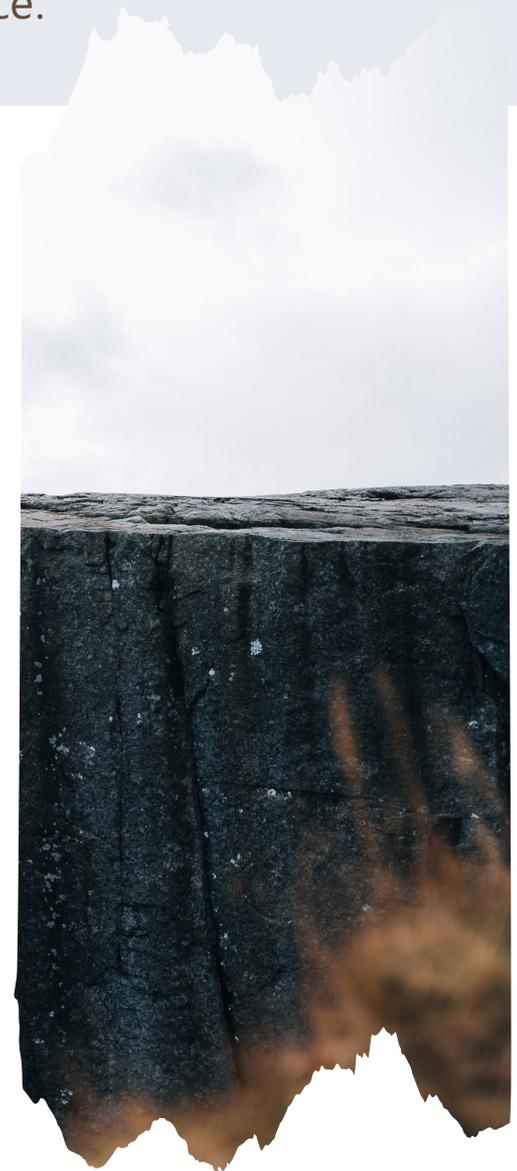
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How is verse 14 connected with the preceding verses?

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Our reckoning in v. 11, and the presenting of our mortal bodies as instruments of righteousness rather than unrighteousness, rests on these truths in v. 14:

- » We reckon ourselves dead to sin, because sin is not our master anymore.
- » And sin is not our master, because we are under grace and not law.



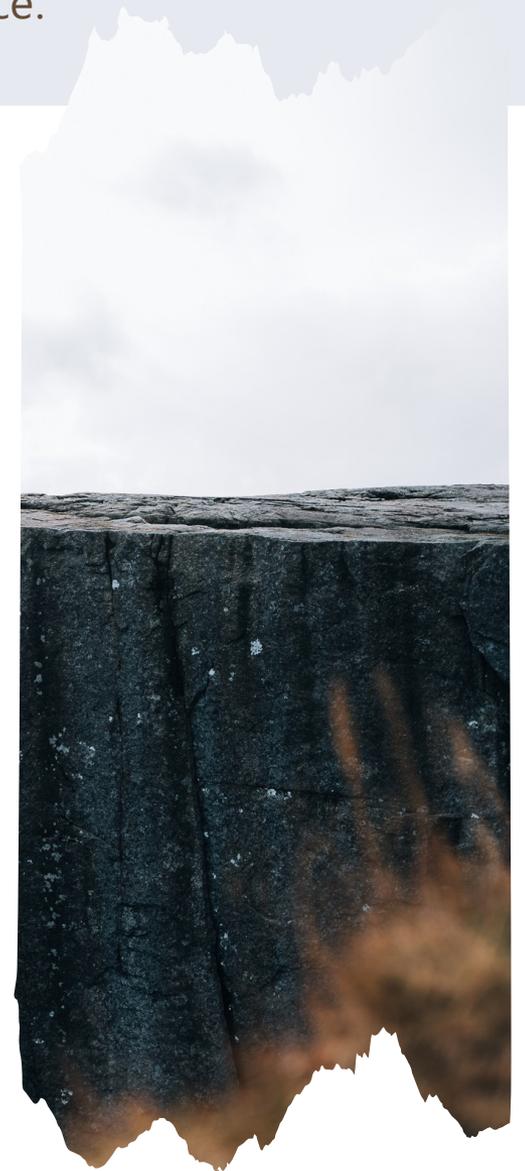
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Q What is meant by “law” in verse 14?

A LAW = the principle of law

We are not under law at all.
We operate entirely under grace.



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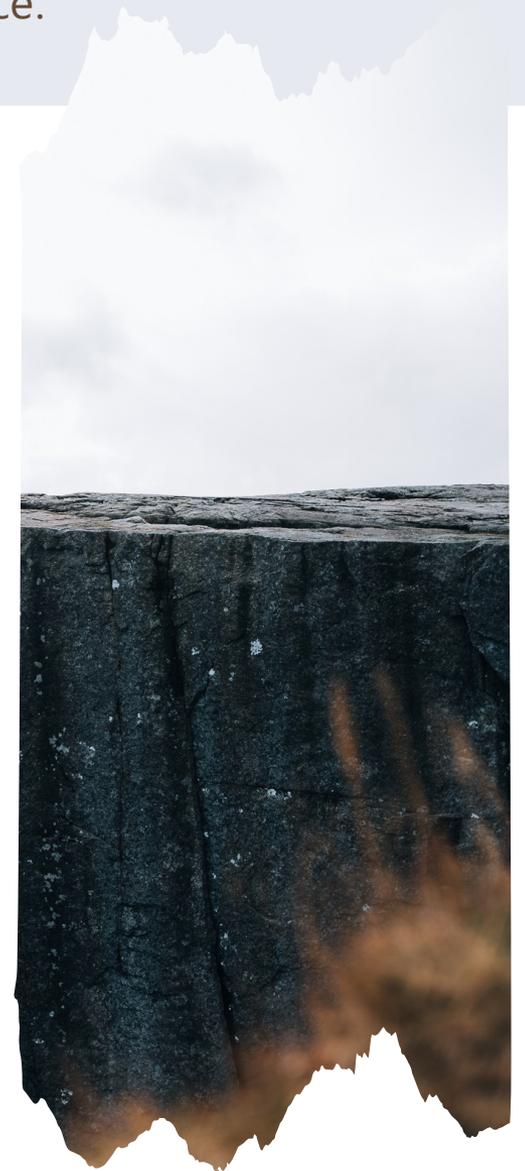
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Does living under grace promote sinful living?

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Grace does **not** promote sinful living!
That's a totally incorrect and misguided interpretation of grace.

Grace is the **basis** for the Christian life.



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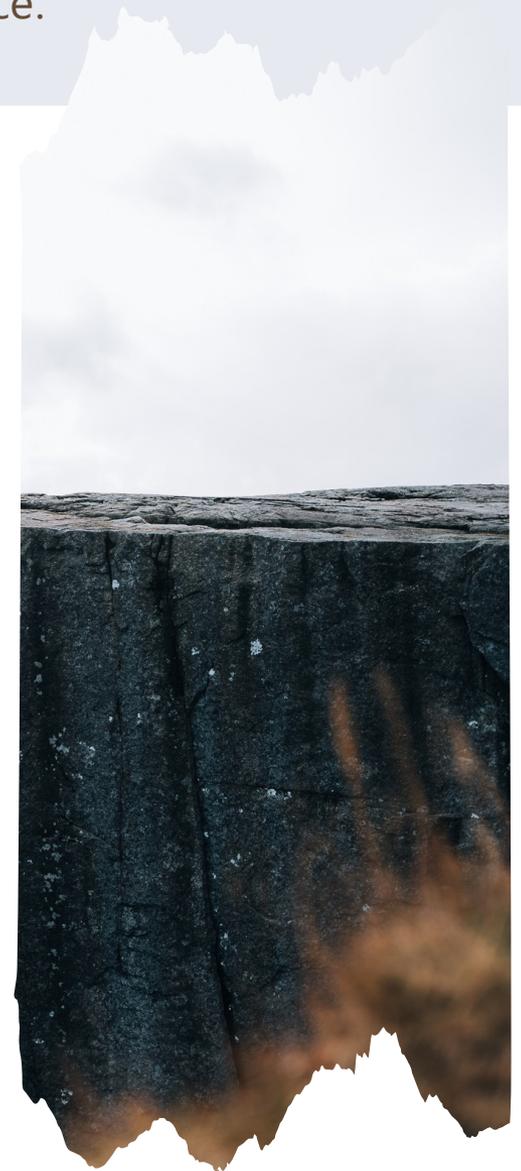
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What are some of the motivations for living the Christian life that take the place of grace?

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Fear
Rewards/Loss of Rewards
Gratitude/Love

All of these systems are designed to motivate **ME** to live the Christian life.



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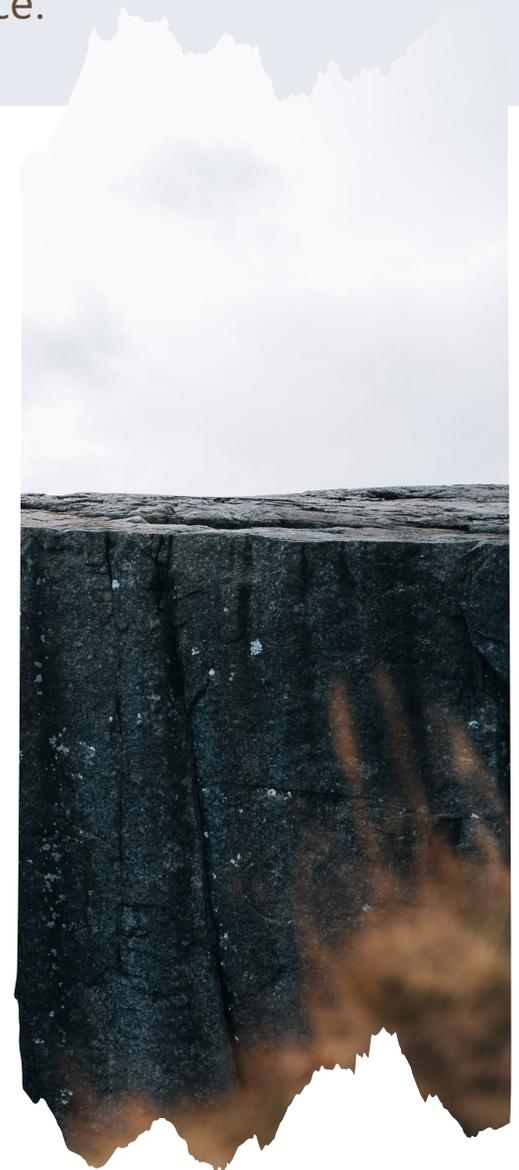
What does the Bible call these motivation systems?

A

All of these ideas are really just systems of law!

What it amounts to is a failure to believe that God's grace is sufficient provision for the Christian life.

The best law can produce is a **counterfeit** Christian life.



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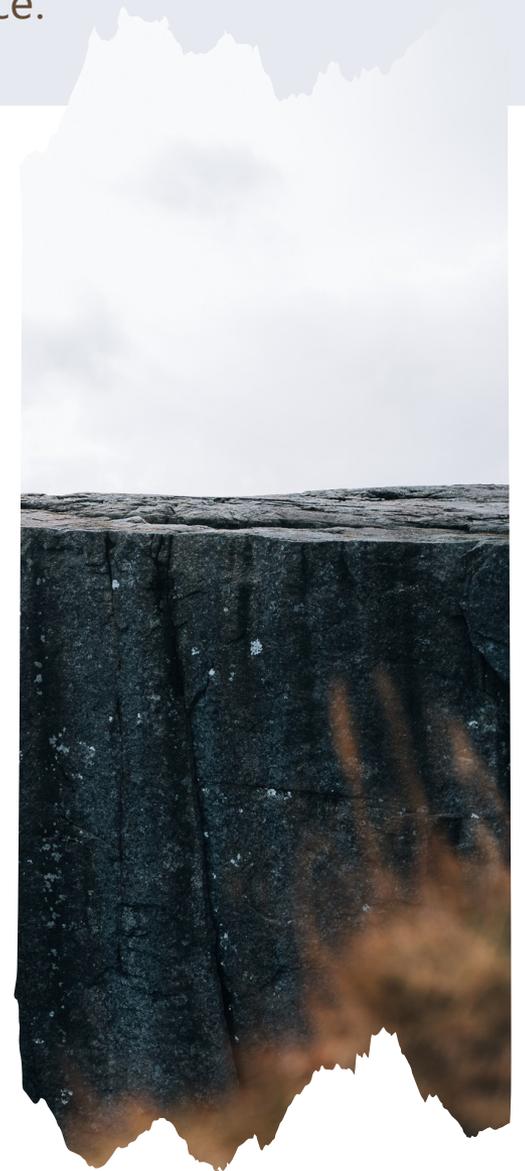
How does being under grace produce the Christian life?

A

Grace is a **gift** that's been freely given - something that has been done for us or given to us.

God has given us the righteous life of His Son as our own!

If the Bible says that I live under **grace** as a Christian, then we can be sure that God has provided **everything** necessary for the life that He intends.



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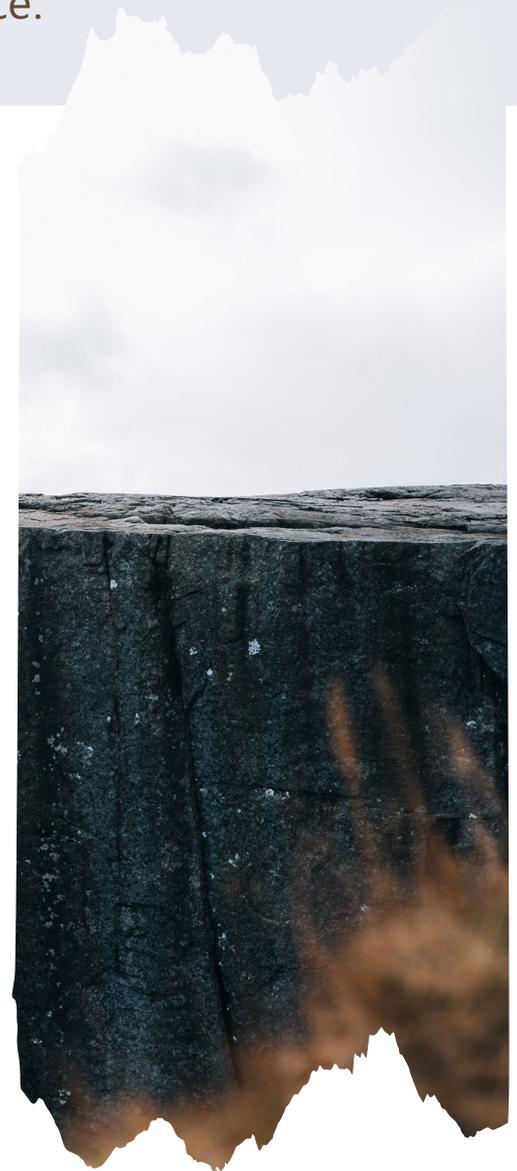
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How do we grow and develop in the Christian life?

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1. The Lord reveals Jesus to us through the Word.
2. The Lord reveals our own failure to us
3. The Lord shows us our participation in the cross.
4. The Lord teaches us to rest by faith in the reality of it.



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- Once we realize the truth of our identification with Christ, the Lord will develop our dependency on Him to live that life in us.
- It's a **development** process, because our **faith** is being developed!!

I'm not developing in my **ability**!

I'm developing in my faith in **His** ability to do what I cannot!

