The Law and GRACE

Grace is "subjective" while the law is "absolute" or is it?

The law is black and white, specific rules written to be obeyed.

What about Interpretations? Applications? Exceptions?

Are you a rule keeper? Do you want to know what the boundaries are at work? In relationships? Do you always look for the exception to the rules?

Do you hold others to a higher standard than you do for yourself? We judge others by their actions and expect others to know our motives!

Is God only concerned with the motives of our heart?

Deuteronomy 28:1

"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Romans 2:13

For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.

Prov 28:9 - He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

1 John 3:4

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

Matthew 5:17–18

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

John 1:16–17

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:19–20

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Galatians 2:16

Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Matt 7: ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'