

FOR THE GRACE OF GOD THAT
BRINGETH SALVATION TO ALL MEN HATH
APPEARED. (TIT. II, 11).

TAKE a dictionary and you will find that the meaning put upon the word grace is "the free and unmerited love and favor of God in itself, or its effect upon the heart." Very good. But there is another definition of the word which may be given, and that is that grace is the opposite of law, and it is of that definition I would now speak. Now then what is law? Look again at the dictionary and you will find it stated that "Law is a course of action prescribed by the supreme power of a state." For "State" substitute "God," and you have what the law is, looked at from a christian point of view. But to make the matter quite plain let me give the very words of the law of God, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with *all* thy heart, and with *all* thy soul, and with *all* thy strength, and with *all* thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." Upon these two commandments, says Christ, hang all the law and the prophets. Note carefully the words that have been emphasized and you will then have some idea of the length and breadth of the holy and just and good law of God.

What we now want therefore is some plain statement from the word of God, for I am now done with the dictionary, which will give us a distinct idea of what grace is as opposed to law, and I think Isaiah lv, 1, 2, will suit our purpose. Scripture deals

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