2. Law and Grace

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The law came by with outstretched hand His intervention I hadn't planned He cast great shadows deep and long As chanting out the evensong His words all ringing in my ears Became the mantra of my prayers And as he drew much closer still He spoke about the bitter pill

Of Failure, just one failure Was enough to, to condemn me

Judged and condemned he shouted out Shut up I breathed and looked about To see who moved so quickly there To tell my God my sins laid bare.

I thought my soul would surely die As the hand of law came searching nigh.

His bony finger I could see No helping hand to comfort me But pointing poking probing here And lifting looking everywhere Self righteous rags once so complete Did fall and crumple round my feet And standing there in naked shame I looked for someone else to blame.

Naked, all can see me Captured, who will free me?

I'd been doing so well 'till Eve walked by Who offered me the humble pie. It's time said she to be like God To eat this fruit and stop the lie That you can't be like God yourself To eat His food and share His wealth. So grab this fruit and stake your claim It's time for you to make a name I've eaten at the serpent's quest Who said I'll be my very best. So I ate the humbling pie that morn And surely a new age did dawn

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And as I fell upon deaths street God's Grace came by with me to meet

And then I saw God's outstretched hand Became a finger in the sand And one by one law's law did flee Till nothing left just God and me. Then He took me to His grave And showed me where my self was laid My sins they too were buried there Crucified no more to share

Jesus, only Jesus Was condemned for my salvation

For there we died us all in one Crucified with God's own Son God as man all clothed in flesh We're joined with him upon His death And in the end he was alone As man forsook him in the garden Now he sits upon the throne And won for all eternal pardon

So on the cross, God as man did die Even there the Father, left him there to cry ... My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me? My God! My God! Why does this have to be?

This marks the end of the old creation The law fulfilled in one oblation So all my sons can abide with me With all sin gone you're all made free Raised up from your bottomless pit Ascend with Christ and in heaven sit Now with Him in the heavenly place A new creation endowed with grace And living now in His love replete Our soul finds rest with joy complete And so today live not by law Just stand by grace with God in awe

Jesus, only Jesus Is our hope of, of salvation

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