

Freed "Freed By Grace"

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Galatians 1:1-5 (ESV)

"Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— 2. and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: 3. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4. who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5. to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen."



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Acts 15: 1... "some men came down from Judah began to teach the brothers: 'unless you are circumcised according to the custom prescribed by Moses, you cannot be saved!'"

What does it mean to be freed from Legalism...

Legalism Defined

- Working on our own power.
- Working according to our own rules.
- Working to earn God's favor.

The standing truth of Christianity is that God's pleasure is not based on our performance.

"Wherefore, God assisting me, my forehead shall be more hard then all men's forehead. Yay, I am glad even with all my heart, in this point to seem rebellious and obstinate. And here I confess that I am, and ever will be stout and stern, and will not one inch give place to any creature." – Martin Luther

Fundamental life changing truths that destroy legalism...

Legalism Destroyed

1. The Gospel is Free. (vs.. 3)

Galatians 1: 3... "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,"

Galatians 1:13-14... 13. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14. And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

Galatians 1:15-16... 15. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, 16. was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone."

Ephesians 1:4-6

For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted through Jesus Christ for himself, according to his favor and will, to the praise of his glorious grace.

God's pleasure is not based on our performance, but on the performance of Christ, who gave Himself for our sins.

Romans 6:15... What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

Matthew 7: 26-27...And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

We must marvel at the gospel when we trust in grace.

2. The Gospel is Freeing. (Vs. 4)

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