

Grace and Truth Part 4
Freedom vs. Legalism
Galatians 5:1

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.”

-Galatians 5:1

Main Point: It is by grace alone we are free from from- entirely apart from works.

Legalism: an attitude, a mentality based on pride; obsessive conformity to an artificial standard for the purpose of exalting oneself.

Freedom: unrestrained to move about; not a slave; liberty to do or to omit things that have no relationship to salvation.

Slavery: to be bound in compulsory service; being controlled by a master other than yourself.

Fact about Grace: The freedom we are called to is not freedom to sin.

“Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves to the one who you obey, either to sin, which leads to the death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?”

Romans 6:15-16

Fact about Grace: Jesus alone fulfilled the Law; Jesus alone can give grace.

“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.”

-Matthew 5:17

In place of rules and regulations, Jesus gives us the grace we need to live the Christian life.

Fact about Grace: Freedom from legalism is the only proper response to grace.

How do I break free from legalism?

1. Stand firm in your freedom. (stand firm therefore...)
2. Refuse to submit to needless rules and regulations. (do not submit again...)
3. Know the truth- the truth about freedom in Christ.

“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32

Challenge: What needless rule or regulation have you been living with in your Christian life? Isn't it time to get rid of it?

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Next week: Grace and Truth Part 5-Luke 15:11-32