

Freedom Through Grace

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Danny Jones

Romans 3:10-20

There is just no way to wiggle out of it. The facts stare us in the face. None of us can look into the mirror of God's law and feel good about ourselves. His holy standard makes us painfully aware of the fact that we are lawbreakers.

The Law of God was not given to save us. The 10 Commandments do not serve as a stepladder up which we climb to heaven. Rather, God's law was given to pinpoint sin, to define it, to bring it out of its hiding place. We are confronted by the seriousness of sin. It is an offense to God.

*Alistair Begg,
Pathway to Freedom*

Believing that God loves me but secretly wondering that His love depends on how I am doing in my Christian walk.

Philip Ryken

- **The same challenge to the authority of the local church and its elders is being promoted in our day.**
- **The same challenge to the content of the Gospel is being promoted today.**

Galatians 1:1-5

The nature of salvation is peace, or reconciliation — peace with God, peace with men, peace within. The source of salvation is grace, God's free favour, irrespective of any human merit or works, His loving-kindness to the undeserving.

John Stott

These facts do not contain a single word about anything we do. They simply document what God has done in human history through Jesus Christ. The Gospel is not about what we do for God; it is about what God has done for us.

Philip Ryken

There is NOTHING left for us to do in order for this glorious salvation to be effectual = justification.

And that truth is not to be confused with the fact that we must respond. It does matter how we live our lives = sanctification.

The Gospel is a rescue, an emancipation, from a state of bondage.

JB Lightfoot

Application Questions

- *Are you living in the riches of the glorious freedom that Christ has purchased for you?*
- *What are you trusting in for your salvation?*
- *How do you relate to God on a moment by moment basis?*

Application Questions

- *Are you adding anything to the Gospel? Or doing so with your children?*
- *Is your freedom in Christ a source of great joy that motivates you to worship? Or is it an excuse to do whatever you want, whenever you want?*

Application Questions

- *Does this freedom from law promote devotion and discipline? Or lawlessness?*