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Does grace set the Christian free from obeying God?, on: 2005/4/11 15:04

I have been around people who claim to be Christian who are breaking God laws and say, "I am not under law, I am under grace".

Some people think that they are free from the demands of the law and the grace has set them free from all personal obedience to God.

Some use the following verse to prove that they can do anything they want and it is okay.

1 Cor 6:12, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any."

Does grace set aside obedience?
Does grace set aside the law?
Are we free to do anything?

Re: Does grace set the Christian free from obeying God? - posted by taco, on: 2005/4/11 15:56

Grace sets the christian free from obeying sin!

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2005/4/11 16:04

Quote:
-----Grace sets the christian free from obeying sin!

AMEN!!! I do think there is a large element within confessing Christendom that believes Grace is to cover continuing in sin. My understanding of Grace is that it has given us the power to overcome sin and flee from sin when it is revealed to us as such(something an unbeliever cannot possibly do). Blessings in Him, Cindy :-)

Re: Does grace set the Christian free from obeying God? - posted by Rahman, on: 2005/4/11 16:11

What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid ... Rom.6:15

Re: Does grace set the Christian free from obeying God?, on: 2005/4/11 16:16

Are we free do to do anything? for the nominal Christian, yes.

For the Christian who desires to move on with God? No.

As many as RECEIVED Him, NOT ACCEPT Him!

I am coming to realize that a true blue believer is someone who is being disciplined. Those who are not, are bastards, if they take the grace of God and justify themselves in a loose fashion.

Though Christ made "an end of sins" thru His death on the cross, many have seen this as an opportunity to sin, saying "as long as I am under the blood, I am ok."

Christ never done away with the law persay, He met it's demands by obeying it to the letter in His flesh so that by His flesh He would condemn sin in the flesh, which we simply could not do.

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It's purpose now according to the flesh is to show us that we need Christ.

It's purpose in the Spirit is that it is being written on our hearts. From the heart will issue this new life that is not conditioned to flesh and blood but by the Holy Spirit.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

Paul said, "The Law is holy.....the Law is Spiritual."

But if we try, as many foolish and weak minded believers have done, trying to live according to the law, we will never grow in grace and in the knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.

Who would want to live after the flesh when Christ proved that by living after the law is futile it will, in the end slay you, as did with Christ, when he "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin", yet the Law was standing right there saying "crucify Him crucify Him". Wow

As I am writing this guys, this is becoming a revelation to me, I have not known what I just wrote above. It just became real to me as I was typing. Praise the LORD.

I have been asking the LORD to show me the details of what He did on that cross and make it real to me, I thought He would give me a dream in technicolour or something. But His ways are higher than ours.

I look forward to more of His revealings, I love this website.

Karl :-)

Re:, on: 2005/4/11 16:54

I'm with Rahman... GOD FORBID!

Krispy

What is a nominal Christian?, on: 2005/4/11 17:11

Is he Born again?

Does he love the Lord?

Does he Have The Holy Spirit?

Will he go to heaven?

Is the "nominal Christian" free to disobey God?

Re: What is a nominal Christian?, on: 2005/4/11 17:57

When I say "nominal", I am referring to those people that CLAIM to be born again, heaven bound, holy Spirit filled and truly say LORD LORD.

By the way FreeCD, what is your stand on Standards?

Karl

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/11 18:11

Does a "nominal christian," reside in the House forever?

In Christ

Jeff

Re: Forget it, on: 2005/4/11 18:16

You guys are misconstruing everything that I am trying to say.

Forget what I said about a Nominal Christian.

Think in this direction concerning those who came to Christ on that great judgement day, those who "thought they were Christians".

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

It is very clear by these words that they were doing thier own will and NOT the will of thier Father which is in heaven.

That is what I mean by Nominal Christian.

Karl

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/12 10:43

Br. Karl,

It is not my intent to badger you about the thought of "nominal christian." This is a very important aspect which you have brought up. It is important that those who call themselves christians understand that we all are called unto maturity. Paul always prayed that we are like minded in this aspect. Listen to his words.

Phil. 3:

14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 3:15 Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. 16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

It is our walk with Christ that enables us to know Him. To know Him means that we learn to agree with Him. As we learn from Him, He delivers us from the bondages of sin that are in our lives. The Scripture you quoted says this perfectly.

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Those who continue to follow the desires of the flesh will remain in bondage to the carnal mind. They will not walk with Christ. Those who are babes in Christ are always encouraged by Paul to move on to maturity for this very reason. Only the power of living by the Spirit will set you free from the bondage of the old man.

In Christ
Jeff

Re:, on: 2005/4/12 11:03

I believe if someone "accepts" the Lord, but never matures and eventual lives a carnal life is suspect.. as in they were probably never truly saved to begin with.

I believe also that today's evangelism techniques and programs are much to blame for this scenario... ya know, say a prayer, sign the card, whoosh... you're saved.

No understanding of sin, no understanding of how badly we've offended God... no understanding that Hell is a real place...

no appreciation for what Christ suffered on our behalf.

Someone who has a true appreciation for what God did so that we could be saved from eternal Hell will want to mature..
. and want to obey Him. And I dont think you can be saved without that appreciation.

Instead, they've joined a club.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2005/4/12 11:25

One of the most unbiblical terms I have ever heard is "carnal Christianity" that says someone can be a Christian and yet be as carnal as those who are outside of Christ. Jesus said "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word". John 14:23. The terminology of "carnal Christianity" itself is an oxy moron. It would be like saying a person can be a loving cerebral killer. "Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever the refore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." James 4:4. Keith Daniels said "There is no such thing as a worldly Christian. If you are worldly then you are not a Christian." Those who fornicate, those who murder, those who rape, those who lie and commit all sorts of abominable deeds are not sons of God, they are just like their father the devil. If they were sons of God, then they would do the work of the Father. They are enemies of God, not children of God. Because they have not been born of God they can not please God. John 15:4. Those who are of Heaven are holy, and those who are of earth are evil. Mark my words, if you share in the sins of the world, you will share in the punishment of the world.

2 Timothy 2:19 says "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." It is not a light thing for a man to claim to be a Christian. The claim to be a Christian is the profession to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Those who follow Christ follow in His ways. Did Christ say in vain "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done"? John 13:15. Those things which Christ hates His followers also hate and those things which Christ loves His followers also love. It's a mockery to the entire kingdom of God to even use the term "carnal Christian" in a way that hints to the possibility of living in sin while having a relationship with God, for it is impossible to serve the flesh and serve God at the same time. A servant can not serve two masters. Matt 6:24. You either go the way of the world or the way of Christ. You are either for Christ or against Christ. Luke 11:23. If you love him, keep his commandments. John 14:15. As my friend Brad Lanphear said, "It's all the way or the other way."

I highly recommend the sermon "what it means to accept Christ" by A W Tozer which talks directly on this subject. He talks about those who want Jesus to be Saviour but not Lord, and how there is never one without the other.

For just a few good clips of this sermon here is a compilation called "A W Tozer Preaching" found at: <http://www.fireonthearth.com/compilations/usavedmeJesus/AW%20Tozer%20Preaching.ram>