

Freedom amidst Rules

The Gospel of Grace 9: Galatians 5:13-15

Galatians 5:13-15 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. ¹⁴The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. NIV

_____ people still have _____.

Colossians 3:5-9 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹Do not lie to each other... NIV

See “Behaviors Forbidden for Those under Grace” cross reference.

Most of these make complete sense:

Some people might think some of the rules are still too restrictive:

If we still have _____, what good is _____?

You are free from most of the _____:

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| 1. Burnt offerings | 16. Day of atonement |
| 2. Grain offerings | 17. Eating of blood |
| 3. Fellowship offerings | 18. ** Sexual relations ** |
| 4. Sin offerings | 19. ** Various laws ** (Stealing, lying, perverting justice / blended materials, beards, tattoos) |
| 5. Guilt offerings | 20. Punishments for sin |
| 6. Burnt and sin offering regulations | 21. Rules for priests |
| 7. Guilt and fellowship offering regulations | 22. Priests and sacrifices |
| 8. Priests | 23. Sabbath, Passover, Firstfruits, Feast of Weeks, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles |
| 9. Priests | 24. Oil and bread |
| 10. Priests | 25. Sabbath Year and Year of Jubilee |
| 11. Food regulations (ex: eating pork) | 26. Rewards for obedience |
| 12. Childbirth cleansing | 27. Redeeming what is the Lords |
| 13. ** Infections, skin diseases, and mildew ** | |
| 14. Cleansing from infections, skin diseases, and mildew | |
| 15. Discharges | |

You are in a _____ with God.

Galatians 4:6-7 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir. NIV

You are _____ from _____.

Hebrews 10:1-2 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming — not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.² If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. NIV

Hebrews 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. NIV

Hebrews 10:14 because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. NIV

What if we _____ the new _____?

If you are a true _____, you will still be _____ and go to heaven.

You will wrestle with doubt as to whether or not you are really a true _____, and may feel the _____ and _____ that you have been freed from.

Example: 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:3-5

You will be _____ by God until you _____. God will be as serious about this as He needs to be.

Revelation 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. NIV

Hebrews 12:10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. NIV

You may face certain _____ or _____ consequences for your sin.

You may experience _____.

1 Corinthians 5:1-13 ...⁹ I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—¹⁰ not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. ¹¹ But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat...

You may experience _____ or even _____.

1 Corinthians 11:30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

Illness example:

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. NIV

Death example:

Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11))

We've got a _____ thing _____.