

8/20/17 | Set Free: Free from Religion

"And are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."



—Romans 3:24 | NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever been trapped? What happened? How did you feel?
2. Consider this quote. What is this "religious bondage" he mentions? Do you think it really is the worst kind of bondage? Why?

"Religious bondage is one of the most crippling bondages with which a person can be encumbered. Religious bondage keeps one in constant fear, guilt, and anxiety."
—Joseph Prince

Compare

Compare what you find about freedom and grace versus religion and law. Galatians holds many contrasts for these two categories.

Verses	Freedom and Grace	Religion and Law
Galatians 2:16 and 3:11. In each category, how are we justified?		
Galatians 3:2-5. For each, what role does the Spirit have?		
Galatians 3:13-14. How is each described?		
Galatians 4:4-7. What is our identity in each?		
Galatians 5:1. What is the result of each?		

Galatians 5:13-14 and 6:12-16. What does each call us to do?		
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3. What does Romans 2:25-29 say about circumcision? Can this be applied to other rules of the law?
4. Compare the roles of works and faith in Romans 4:1-5. Do you put your hope in works or in God? Why?
5. What does Romans 4:14-16 say about law versus faith?
6. Why was Paul so adamant that the Galatians understand that works did not save them?
7. Why were the Galatians so seduced by relying on rules?
8. Is there any religion that denounces works in favor of grace? Why did God choose to free us without using a checklist of rules?

TAKEAWAY: What freedom do you need to embrace?