

FREE FROM THE LAW

Romans 8:1

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The Usefulness and Limits of the Law

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Psalm 19:7-10

Free From the Laws of _____

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.” Galatians 1:10
This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to **make us slaves**. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. Galatians 2:4-5

But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be **enslaved by** them all over again? You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! Galatians 4:9-10

Free From the Law’s _____

For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written:
“Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.
...Christ has **freed us from the curse of the law.**” Galatians 3:10, 13

- o Perfectionism robs us of our _____
- o Perfectionism leads to _____
- o Perfectionism leads to endless _____
- o Perfectionism leads to _____ up

Free From the Law's _____

Before the coming of this faith,[a] we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. 24 So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Galatians 3:23-24

Having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.... These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Colossians 2:14, 16-17

They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings— external regulations applying until the time of the new order. Hebrews 9:10

Free From Sin's _____

But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir. Galatians 4:4-7

We no longer relate to God as _____ but as _____ and _____.

The slave has a _____ -- the _____ has a _____.

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:15-16

The slave is an _____ – the son is an _____.

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory. Romans 8:17

The slave is driven by _____ – the son is driven by _____.

"If you love Me, keep My commands." John 14:15

We have a number of counterfeits that look like a relationship, but aren't.

Indeed, to be set free by You, Jesus, is to be really free. We praise You for freedom from the curse of the law and the paralyzing guilt of our sin, for You took our place on the cross, exhausting the judgment we deserve. We praise You for freedom to obey from our hearts, no longer out of pride, pragmatics, or pretense. We praise You for the freedom to come boldly to the throne of grace--into the eternal Holy of Holies, for you've secured this "new and living way" for us. We praise You for the freedom of repentance, for You've borne our shame and we don't have to pretend or pose anymore. We praise You for the freedom to take gospel-risks, instead of rusting away the rest of our lives in self-protection and self-indulgence. Jesus, by the power of the gospel, we'll seek to stand firm in these and many more freedoms you've won for us. And in those moments when we're seduced back under the joy-robbing yoke of legalism or other demeaning slaveries, restore us quickly to freedom through Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.