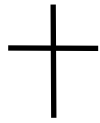


GRACE



God's Word
Romans 10:17

I Know God Loves Me

God revealing Himself through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ assures me of His love for me.

Peace and Joy

The above statement has nothing to do with my performance, whether I'm "naughty or nice" (law).

The phrase "freed from sin" in Romans chapter 6 does not mean that I will never sin again.

It means that I can know His love outside of anything I do. I am 100% forgiven!

I Love God

I Desire to Serve Him

Sin (Self-centered Attitude) Becomes Disgusting to Me

This is a process called "sanctification" that the Holy Spirit begins to work into our lives as we simply remember Christ's love and forgiveness!

The fruit of this work is, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" Gal. 5:22-23

LEGALISM

I attempt to "Do Good" to Please God or Man

Standards of "Naughty or Nice" (Law)

Pride and/or Failure

I'm Not Confident of God's Love and/or Acceptance

Discouragement - Anxiety - Depression - Anger - Shame

People often turn to a sinful lust to soothe painful emotions.

Rebellion and/or Attempt to "Do Better"

I Dismiss God's Word

I Distort God's Word

When people feel they can't live the Christian life they either totally walk away from the faith OR they claim to be a Christian but don't read His Word. They often believe that since they are forgiven their sins don't matter. The sacrifice at the cross is irrelevant.

Verses that describe self-centered attitudes (referred to as the flesh in Gal. 5:16-24) stand out more than verses on grace. Even the fruit of the Spirit becomes a checklist of obedience. This distorted view encourages a continued attempt to "do better."

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