

Galatians 34:21-5:6 "From Bondage to Liberty!"

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(Ex. 33:19-23; Hebrews 12:19, Ex.24:17, Deut. 4:24; Col. 1:16-17)

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Life Group Homework
For the week of May 21, 2023

Grace would say...

When your family member rebels against God...

The LAW would say...

Grace would say...

- 6) What stands out to you from the following quote?
“If you want God’s favor, there are two ways to relate to him. You can relate to him as an heir, or you can relate to him as a slave. The difference is that a slave tries to become acceptable to his master by presenting him valuable service; but the heir trusts that the inheritance of his father is his by virtue of a will that was drawn up without his earning it at all. A slave is never quite sure he has done enough to please his master and win an honorable standing in the house. A son rests in the standing he has by virtue of his birth and the covenant his father made in his will to bless his children.” - John Piper

TAKING IT HOME

- 7) What do you think it means for you to stand in God’s grace this week? (cf. Galatians 5:1)
- 8) How is God speaking to you from this week’s passage, message, or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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QUICK REVIEW

- 1) This week, Pastor Don said there are three groups of people that think the Law doesn’t apply to them:
- The self-righteous
 - The people who think they are above the Law
 - Those who think life is graded on a curve

Which group are you most tempted to fit into?

How would you help these groups understand that God’s Law condemns them as guilty?

- 2) What is at least one thing that stood out to you from this Sunday’s message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) What stands out to you from the following passage?

Luke 15:11-32 - “[11] Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. [12] “And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. [13] “And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. [14] “But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. [15] “Then

he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. [16] "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. [17] "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! [18] 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, [19] "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." ' [20] "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. [21] "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' [22] "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. [23] 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; [24] 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. [25] "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. [26] "So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. [27] "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' [28] "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. [29] "So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. [30] 'But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' [31] "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. [32] 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' ""

In what way(s) do you see grace and freedom in this story?

In what way(s) do you see law and slavery in this story?

In what way(s) does the brother represent the judaizers or legalists in Paul's day?

If Jesus continued the parable, do you think the prodigal son would have had a change of heart after being welcomed home as a son instead of a slave? Why or why not?

How does this passage help us understand God's grace?

4) This week we read **Galatians 5:4** - "*You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.*"

Do you think this verse teaches that we can lose our salvation? Why or why not? Try to use other Scripture to support your answer.

5) How do you think LAW and GRACE would react to the following scenarios?

When you fall into temptation and sin...

The LAW would say...

Grace would say...

When God heals somebody else, but not you...

The LAW would say...