

Our Sanctification—All of Grace

“No technique of the Devil’s can stop the process of Christ making us into His image. Those whom He calls He sanctifies...sanctification requires the disciplined and repeated use of the means of grace...” (R. C. Sproul)

Introduction:

Galatians 5:1, “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

1. The freedom we have in Christ sets us free from:

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Psalm 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

1. God’s Word tells us that the gospel:

Ephesians 1:6, “...to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”(NKJV)

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Psalm 32:1, “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

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Proverbs 15:5, “...whoever learns from correction is wise.” (NLT)

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Galatians 2:6, “And the leaders of the church had nothing to add to what I was preaching. (By the way, their reputation as great leaders made no difference to me, for God has no favorites.)” (NLT)

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The grace of God in the process of sanctification isn't just about being set free from bondage of what others think about us. It is also about being given the grace to be free to demonstrate to others what we have been given.

Galatians 5:13, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

1. Before our conversion we were slaves to disobedience:
2. Before our conversion we were slaves to ourselves:

1 Peter 2:16, "Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God."

1. The grace that sets us free from evil is to be used as an escape from sin:
2. The grace that set us free from evil was given so that:

Conclusion: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

Going deeper: Are there those in your life whose opinion of you matters too much?
What is grace's answer to that?

Have you used grace as an excuse for sin, rather than as an escape from sin?

Is the grace of God working in you to make you desire to serve others?