

## **The Way of Escape**

What then shall I say? Since your salvation is solely dependent upon My grace freely given to you—grace through faith and not of your own works—is this a license to sin? Of course not! You miss the point if you think this way.

By offering you the power of My grace, you are able to live a life above sin. The more you try not to sin, the more bound you are to sin. This is the nature of the law.

Before the law was given, sin was not known. Even though you were dead, it was not the death that comes from disobedience to the law. When I gave My law—that is, set forth before you the righteous requirement for My chosen people—I made known to you what is righteousness. But you could not handle it. You were incapable of keeping it from the heart.

All behavior, sooner or later, flows out of what is in the heart. The law cannot change a man's heart. It cannot give life. I never intended for the law to give life. I only intended for it to reveal My code of righteousness to you.

All I ever need for you to do is believe in the law—yes, even to keep it, observe it—but never to depend upon it for your salvation. When you began to trust in it to make you righteous, you found that you were all the more incapable of being righteous. The harder you tried, the more you failed. You see, the letter kills.

So when the law was given, it killed you. You cannot do the works of the law and find liberty. You are, however, to believe that the law represents My finished works. Believe in Me that I have finished My works.

You who try to keep My commandment by the letter of the law misunderstand the nature and purpose of the law. You cannot keep the law; the law keeps you. It is like a tutor or a caretaker until Christ comes.

Christ was and is the fulfillment of the law—not the law only, but the fulfillment of the prophets and psalms as well. He finished My works. He is the finished works. He is the living embodiment of My law. When you put your trust in Him, you eat the scroll so to speak. You receive into your spirit the embodiment of the law—that is, Jesus.

You receive Jesus and He becomes the source that empowers you to live righteously. So, you see, you cannot do any of this in your own strength. I have already accomplished it in you and for you. Therefore, if you only believe that I have already delivered you from your sin and shame, then you will experience the deliverance. It's as simple as that.

Because you are saved by grace through faith and not of yourselves, does not give you a license to sin. I gave you My grace that you might have a true release from sin and shame. The more you try to stop sinning in your own strength, the more likely you are to sin. In fact, it arouses sin in you. You put yourself under the law of your own making. Forgiveness, repentance, and deliverance from sin come only through My “grace through faith.”

No! You do not have a license to sin, but you do have a way of escape.

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