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1) Stand Firm in Your Freedom

Romans 3:21-22, Galatians 3:13, Matthew 11: 29-30, Acts 15:10, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, Romans 2:28-29

- What have we been freed from? The constant struggle to wonder if we have been good enough to be in the presence of God or that we could lose our inheritance (relationship) with Him.
- Romans 6:17-19 we go from slaves of sin to slaves of righteousness
- Every religion has a yoke that it puts on you and we see this in Numbers 25 when Israel Yoked themselves to Baal.
- Romans 6:14 we are no longer under the law but under grace.
- We are compelled by love not by a slave master but a loving Father. (2 Cor. 5:14-15)
- We are free to live our lives in a relationship with God through the power of His Holy Spirit which will guide us into all truth. (John 16:13)
- Stand firm and do not allow the lies of the enemy think your relationship with God is based on your works rather than the finished work of Christ.
- Deuteronomy 30:6 says it's a circumcision of the heart. Something only God can do as He changes us to love Him with all our heart, soul and mind.

2) Stand Firm in the Finished work of Christ

Romans 3:19-20, Revelation 20:11-15, Zechariah 3:1-2, 1 John 2:19, 2 Corinthians 13:5, Luke 15:18-19

- Look or mark my words was a way to get their attention.
- For Paul to say, "Christ is no advantage", "You are severed from Christ", and "fallen away from Grace" shows the seriousness of what is taking place.
- Jesus is the way, the truth and the life or He is not. (John 14:6)
- We are saved by faith alone or it is faith plus works but it is not both. (Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 3:28; 4:5; Gal. 2:16)
- If you submit to the law, you must keep the entire law. (Romans 2:25; James 2:10-11)
- Isaiah 64:6 our righteousness is like polluted garments.
- "Christ being of no advantage" (5:2) means Christ will not come to your aid on judgment day.
- Does "You have Fallen away from Grace" (5:4) mean you can one lose your salvation? (1 John 2:19; 2 Cor. 13:5)
- Does "You have Fallen away from Grace" (5:4) mean you have forgotten your status as a child of God? (Luke 15:18-19; John 1:12; 1 John 3:1)
- It's not that the person is not a Christian they are just a miserable Christian who thinks they must make up for the sins they have committed.

3) Stand Firm in Hope

Luke 9:23-26, 1 John 3:1-3, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

- Colossians 3:1-4 Your Life is hidden in Christ.
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