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So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. ² Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you.

³ I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses.

⁴ For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.

⁵ But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us. ⁶ For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.

⁷You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? ⁸ It certainly isn't God, for he is the one who called you to freedom. ⁹ This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough! ¹⁰ I am trusting the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings. God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been confusing you.

¹¹Dear brothers and sisters, if I were still preaching that you must be circumcised—as some say I do—why am I still being persecuted? If I were no longer preaching salvation through the cross of Christ, no one would be offended. ¹² I just wish that those troublemakers who want to mutilate you by circumcision would mutilate themselves.

What is the Gospel?

1. That now there's no
condemnation for you
who are in Christ Jesus.

2. Your sins can never
separate you from God.

3. It's not based on your past but Christ's past, not on what you have lived and done, but what He has lived and done.

4. As a result, through faith in Jesus Christ alone and nothing else, you're accepted, It's a free gift.

5. Nothing can separate
you from His love.

That's the Gospel!



For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. ¹² And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God.

Titus 2:11,12



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7 You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the TRUTH?

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Living by Faith

vs.

Living by the Law



Living by Faith Vs. Living by the Law

1. Your approach to
righteousness



When we live according to our own merit, we believe the burden for our holiness rest solely on our shoulders. But when we live by faith, we trust our righteousness is secure in Christ, that the Spirit is working daily to conform us to his image, and that perfect holiness will come only when Christ glorifies us.

Chuck Swindoll



Living by Faith Vs. Living by the Law

2. You chose to live
by love not law



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For we know that in all things

(Even when we sin)

God works for the good

of those who love him,

Romans 8:28







Charles Spurgeon

Famous London preacher from
the mid to late 1800's.

He is influential to this day,
and why he is called the
“Prince of Preachers”



Charles Spurgeon

There was a gardener, and he grew a huge carrot. He took it to his king, and he said, *"This is the greatest carrot I've ever grown, and I want to give it to you because you're the king I love."*



Charles Spurgeon

As he walked away, the king said, *"I see how much you love me, and let me give you another whole acre next to your garden so you can be a much greater gardener than you are now,"* and the gardener went home rejoicing.



Charles Spurgeon

There was a nobleman at court who saw what happened, and he thought, *My goodness, if you get an acre for a carrot, what would you get for a horse?*



Charles Spurgeon

So the next day he brought a horse, and he says, *"I raise horses, oh Sovereign, and this is the greatest horse I've ever raised. I want to give it to you as a token of my esteem and love."* The king discerned his heart, and he said, *"Thank you, I'll take the horse, and he walked away with it."*



Charles Spurgeon

As the King looked back at the surprised nobleman, he said, "*The gardener gave me the carrot, but you were giving yourself the horse.*"



Charles Spurgeon

“If you have ever done anything in your life for God in order to get into heaven, then you never did a single thing for God. You’re doing it for yourself.”



Charles Spurgeon

“If you’re out there clothing the naked and feeding the hungry, hoping it’ll get you into heaven, it’s yourself you’re clothing. It’s yourself you’re feeding.”



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“You’re using the poor and ultimately using God. Because you’re not loving them for who they are in themselves, and you’re not loving him for who He is in Himself.”



The Point:

*Until you know you're a sinner
saved absolutely by grace,
you cannot have a faith that
express itself in love.*



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