

TRUE GRACE vs. THE IMBALANCE OF LICENSE

- *The Need for Biblical Balance*

1. The true grace of God is His _____ and _____ toward unworthy and sinful mankind, provided by and manifested chiefly through _____. (John 1:14-17; Rom. 3:24; 1 Peter 5:12)

- *What else is true of God's grace?*

2. In contrast to true grace, legalism is the _____ belief or attitude that seeks to _____ the favor of God through _____ either to extra-biblical standards or to God's will, either for justification or sanctification.

- *What is your relationship to the law as a believer in Christ?*
- *What are some examples of legalism? (Rom. 14; 2 Cor. 9:7-8; Gal. 4:8-10; Col. 2:16-17)*
- *What are not examples of legalism?*

3. In contrast to true grace, license is the wrong _____ and _____ that falsely assumes our freedom from the law as believers gives us a _____ or to fulfill our own will rather than God's. (Gal. 5:13)

- *What is the source of license? (Gal. 5:19; James 1:13-15)*
- *What does our liberty in Christ not mean? (Rom. 6:1-2)*
- *What should God's grace and our liberty in Christ lead to? (1 Peter 2:16)*
- *How is this produced in the Christian life? (Gal. 5:16-23)*
- *How is this greater than the law? (Lev. 19:18; John 13:34)*

4. Jude writes to correct the false teaching of license (vv. 3-4), yet he also says believers are called, sanctified or beloved, and _____ in Christ (v. 1), showing that _____ is not a license to sin.

5. According to Jude 3-4, the false teaching of license must be _____ and opposed as a matter of believers _____ for the true faith since it is a perversion (*metatithēmi*) of grace just like legalism (Gal. 1:6).

6. The perversion of grace into license was a problem facing the _____ and will be during the last days before Christ returns. (Jude 3-4; Matt. 24:12; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; 2 Peter 2:1-2; 1 John 1:5-10; Rev. 2:6, 14-15)

7. The false teaching of license shows itself in downplaying or denying the _____ of Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 2:1-2; Jude 4)

8. False teachers of license are characterized by _____ authority. (2 Peter 2:10; Jude 8-9, 11)

9. False teachers of license are also characterized by _____ or covetousness. (2 Peter 2:3; Jude 11)

10. False, license-oriented teachers also tend to _____ with their words. (Rom. 16:18; 2 Tim. 4:3; 2 Peter 2:18; Jude 16)
 - *How does the Lord want us to respond to all this? (2 Peter 3:17-18)*