



## Message Outline

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Galatians 5:1-15

# A Quick Guide to Rules vs. Grace

**SERIES: *Losing My Religion***

How would we know if we are falling prey to a rule-based approach to religion rather than enjoying a grace-based faith? Here's a QUICK REFERENCE CHART.

<b>RULES</b> based religion	<b>GRACE</b> based faith	<b>Life Lesson</b>
<b><u>Binding</u></b> <i>Gal. 5:1</i>	<b><u>Freeing</u></b> <i>Gal. 5:1</i>	Prison walls also keep others <u>out</u>
<b>Relies on <u>Self</u></b> <i>Gal. 5:2</i>	<b>Needs <u>Jesus</u></b> <i>Gal. 5:2</i>	We never stop needing <u>a Savior</u>
<b><u>Complicated</u></b> <i>Gal. 5:3, 7-12</i>	<b><u>Clear</u></b> <i>Gal. 5:6; 14</i>	"Love God and <u>do as you please</u> "
<b><u>Trying</u></b> <i>Gal. 5:4</i>	<b><u>Trusting</u></b> <i>Gal. 5:5</i>	God isn't <u>finished</u> with us yet
<b><u>Self- serving</u></b> <i>Gal. 5:13,15</i>	<b><u>Others serving</u></b> <i>Gal. 5:13</i>	God sets us free to <u>love well</u>



## **HomeGroup Questions**

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1. This is the final official HomeGroup of the Spring '24 session. Reflect on what you've learned, how you've grown, and any answers to prayer you've seen.
2. Doug said that when we adopt a rule-oriented approach to religion it also makes Christianity less attractive to those who might otherwise be interested. Agree? Disagree? How have you seen this?
3. Read Galatians 5:1-15 and review the outline. What stood out for you? What would you like to talk about more?
4. Paul's harshest words for the false teachers come in vs. 12. Why was he so passionate about this topic?
5. Is it really true that a believer can simply focus on loving God and then do as they please? What is the beauty of this statement? What are the dangers?
6. How would you describe the difference between trying and trusting in the Christian life?
7. How does understanding and embracing our freedom in Christ allow us to love well?
8. How can your group pray for you?
9. Make a plan to get together in the next month or so.