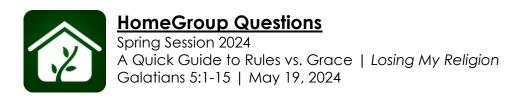


A Quick Guide to Rules vs. Grace

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.

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



- 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.