

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, February 8, 2026



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2. Our enemy has been defeated and disarmed. Satan and demons have no power over us (v. 15; cf. Js. 4:7; Eph. 6:10-13).

B. Consequently, we need not let anyone who claims exalted spiritual knowledge judge our position in Christ. Our relationship with Messiah Jesus is measured by our faith in Him and the indwelling Holy Spirit, and not by hollow religious ritual devoid of Christ (cf. Eph. 1:13-14; Rom. 8:9).

II. Freedom from Condemnation (vv. 16-17)

A. Paul admonishes us to not let anyone disqualify us from the race we are running (cf. Gal. 5:7-8). The basis for our spiritual freedom is the person and work of Jesus Christ, not in having a secret "spiritual knowledge", or holding to special religious regulations. In Christ, we are under grace, not Law.

B. In Christ, we are free from condemnation:

1. By Satan – Our enemy has nothing on those washed by the blood of Christ (v. 15; cf. Rev. 12:10-11).
2. By false teachers – Those who claim special knowledge that only they possess and who use themselves, and not Christ, as the spiritual measuring stick.

C. Jesus, not these ceremonial observances, is the substance (v. 16; cf. Heb. 10:1). Since the incarnation, we need to cling to Christ, not the shadows that pointed to His arrival.

D. Legalism is a death trap. God has freed us from the strangling tentacles of unbiblical expectations and saved us by grace through faith in Christ. In Messiah Jesus we are free—don't ever give up your freedom!

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