

What Does It Mean to be Free from the Law?

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Scripture References:

- Romans 6:14
- Romans 10:4
- Philippians 2:13, *NLT*
- John 1:17
- Genesis 2:17
- Genesis 39:9
- Genesis 3:4, 5, 7
- Romans 2:14
- Romans 9:4, *NLT*
- Romans 3:19, 20
- Romans 7:5, 7-9, 12, 14
- 1 Corinthians 1:18
- Romans 4:15
- Romans 5:13
- Romans 5:20, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 15:56
- Hebrews 7:18, *AMPC*
- Galatians 5:18
- Galatians 4:4, 5
- Philippians 3:9
- Romans 8:3
- Hebrews 8:13, *AMPC*
- Romans 4:13, 14, *NLT*
- Romans 2:19, *NLT*

Summary:

To appreciate what it means for us to be free from living under the Law of Moses, we must first understand the concept. Although Jesus replaced the law with grace, this does not negate the need to continue keeping the Ten Commandments; the difference is that instead of trying to follow rules through our own efforts, we now have the Holy Spirit's help to keep them perfectly.

Notes:

1. Working hard to behave perfectly through self-effort will fail without God's help. Being free from the law means that we are no longer under the process of trying to keep long lists of rules in order to have good behavior. We do it instead through the Holy Spirit.
2. The Ten Commandments are good because they contain moral law; we still need them. Moral law reflects God's nature and character, and is eternal.
3. There were four specific things Paul taught about the law: the recipients of Mosaic Law; the nature of the law; the purpose of the law; and the effects of the law.
4. Jesus came to set us free from having to obey a list of rules, but *not* from morality itself. The Holy Spirit leads us in love; if we are walking in love we will not sin.
5. Mosaic Law was based on doing, not on believing. As believers, we are to walk in faith. True freedom is the power and the ability to do what is right; this why the Holy Spirit was sent.

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