

A Living Testament

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Galatians 5:1-15

Do you remember the moment when you decided to follow Christ? Even though I doubt that when your prayer came to an end, a church elder handed you a flier titled "Do's and Don'ts for Christians," you may have welcomed a how-to guide, particularly if church and Christianity were formerly foreign to you. If you follow a set of guidelines, surely you are living for God, right?

That's just it, though: Christ died so that we might be free in Him, not burdened by rules. Our lives should look different to non-Christians not because of what we do or do not do but because of how we live. Living in the freedom of Christ means that we accept that it is impossible for us to gain God's grace and love and that we are free from trying to attain His forgiveness on our own.

When we embrace this kind of freedom, the desire to obey a set of rules fades away and we are able, with God's help, to express our faith through love, living as a testament of God's grace to those around us.

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