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Now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus . . . So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family – calling him “Father, dear Father.”
--- *Romans 8:1,15*



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For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

--- *Romans 8:38*



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. . . some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you.
--- *Galatians 2:4,5*



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“Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!” . . . These are based on human commands and teachings. Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom . . . but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

--- *Colossians 2:16-23*



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So Christ has really set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

--- *Galatians 5:1*



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Sin is no longer your master,
for you are no longer subject to the
law, which enslaves you to sin.
Instead, you are free by God's grace.
--- *Romans 6:14*



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“There are grace killers on the loose. These are people that don’t want us to be free before God – accepted just as we are by his grace. They don’t want us to be free to express our faith originally and creatively; they want everybody to talk and act and behave exactly like they do.

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Too many people, for too long, have been turned off by this Christian twisted concept. Instead of giving people permission to be absolutely free in Christ – more people than ever, are producing this grim-faced list of do's and don'ts which results in believers spending whole lives in a tight-radius of bondage.



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Too many people see Christians as stiff, uptight people who live inflexible, colorless and unbending lives . . . In vain I have searched the Bible looking for examples of Christians whose lives were marked by this kind of rigidity, inhibition, dullness and caution.



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Instead, I find adventurous, risk-taking, enthusiastic believers whose joy was contagious because they understood God's grace and they knew they were free."

--- Chuck Swindoll,
The Grace Awakening



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Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

--- Romans 5:1,2



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Shall we go on sinning so that
grace may increase? By no means!
--- *Romans 6:1*



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“The true preaching of grace always leads to the possibility of this charge of license being brought against it. If your preaching of grace has not been misunderstood in this way, then you had better examine your sermon again to make sure you are preaching grace the way it is really offered in the New Testament . . .



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There is this kind of dangerous element
to the true presentation of the doctrine
of salvation.”

--- Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones,
Commentary on Romans 6



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One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.

--- *Romans 14:2*



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As one who is in the Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself.

--- *Romans 14:14*



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Eat anything sold in the meat market
without raising questions of conscience,
for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and
everything in it!”

--- *I Corinthians 10:25*



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For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

--- *I Timothy 4:4*





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We may know that these things make no difference, but we cannot just go ahead and do them to please ourselves.

We must be considerate of the doubts and fears of those who think these things are wrong. We should please others.



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If we do what helps them, we will build them up in the Lord. For even Christ didn't please himself. As the Scriptures say, "Those who insult you are also insulting me."

-- *Romans 15:1-3*