

**A LICENSE TO SIN
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I. WHAT DOES THIS FALSE DOCTRINE OF ANTINOMIANISM MEAN FOR US TODAY?

- A. Although the Bible is clear that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, this doesn't mean Christians are free to live anyway they want to live.
- B. This is a perversion of the doctrine of grace and is used as an excuse to sin.
 - 1. It's also a perversion of God's love and forgiveness.
 - 2. What about being freed from the Law and legalism according to the scriptures? Romans 6:14 and Galatians 5:1.
 - 3. Christian freedom doesn't mean we are free to do as we like, but rather we are free to do as we ought.
 - 4. In addition, Christian freedom is always conditioned by Christian responsibility.

II. DO SOME CHRISTIANS TODAY UNWITTINGLY PRACTICE ANTINOMIANISM?

- A. This is to say, are some Christians guilty of abusing grace and God's forgiveness by not taking sin seriously?
- B. By the way some Christians live they are saying that the grace of God doesn't require good works or godly living.
 - 1. The Apostle Paul addressed this abuse of grace in Romans 6:1-2.
 - 2. The Apostle Peter also wrote about this perversion of grace—1 Peter 2:16.
 - 3. Likewise, Jude speaks about this too—Jude 4.
- C. Does the call to live a godly life in spite of being saved by grace mean that we must maintain our salvation by good works or godly behavior?
 - 1. The Apostle Paul destroys this argument in Galatians 3:2-3.
 - 2. Paul's point is that we are saved by faith and our salvation is also maintained by faith.
 - 3. However, it's also true that even though we are saved by faith alone, genuine faith will never be alone—James 2:18.

