

LICENCE, LICENSE

Rulers don't have a **license** to sin. (When King David sinned by committing adultery with Bathsheba and murdering Uriah, God held him accountable.)

- **Psalm 51:0:** "To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba."

After the Jews committed theft, murder, adultery, and idolatry, they went into God's temple and said they had a **license** to commit those sins.

- **Jeremiah 7:9-10:** "Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?"

The fact that God put His holy name at a place doesn't give the people of that place a **license** to commit abominations. (There was a time when God put His name at Shiloh, but when the people there were wicked God brought destruction upon it.)

- **Jeremiah 7:12:** "But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel."

Priests don't have a **license** to sin. God doesn't allow them to do whatever they want. Instead He holds them accountable

for their actions.

- **Malachi 2:1-2:** "And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart."

We don't have a **license** to sin against others.

- **Matthew 18:15:** "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother."

Although Jesus didn't condemn the woman who was caught committing adultery, He didn't give her a **license** to sin either. Instead He told her to go and sin no more.

- **John 8:11:** "She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

The goodness of God isn't a **license** to repent. Instead God's goodness gives us time to turn away from our sins and repent.

- **Romans 2:4:** "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"

Even though God gives His abundant grace where sin abounds, we must still seek to avoid sin. God's abundant grace

doesn't give us a **license** to sin, or encourage us to sin, or justify sin.

- **Romans 6:1-2:** "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"
- **Romans 6:4:** "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."
- **Romans 6:12:** "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."
- **1 Corinthians 15:34:** "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."
- **Ephesians 5:1-2:** "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."
- **Ephesians 5:8:** "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:"
- **1 Thessalonians 4:4-5:** "That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:"
- **James 1:16:** "Do not err, my beloved brethren."

The fact that God hardened someone and didn't show mercy to them doesn't give them **license** to sin. God still holds them accountable for their actions.

- **Romans 9:18-20:** "Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"

Christians must not be liars. We don't have a **license** to tell lies.

- **Romans 12:17:** "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

There's no room for the sins of the flesh in the Christian walk. Even though we're no longer under the Mosaic Law, Christianity isn't a **license** to sin.

- **Galatians 5:25:** "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

Being a Christian doesn't give us a **license** to steal.

- **Ephesians 4:28:** "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

Our salvation doesn't give us a **license** to sin. Instead it gives us a responsibility to be the obedient children of God.

- **Colossians 3:12-14:** "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing

one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

Paul didn't teach that churches and individuals have a **license** to sin. Instead he taught that we must do what's right in the sight of God.

- **1 Thessalonians 2:12:** "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

God doesn't give Christians a **license** to commit sexual sins.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:3:** "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:"

Paul didn't give young people a **license** to act in terrible and ungodly ways. He didn't say their age gave them an excuse.

- **1 Timothy 4:12:** "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

The divine nature is linked to virtue and godliness. It's not a **license** to sin.

- **2 Peter 1:4:** "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

The gospel purges us from our old sins. It doesn't give us a **license** to live in in sin.

- **2 Peter 1:5-9:** "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

Evil men have turned God's grace into a **license** to sin.

- **Jude 1:4:** "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."