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RESPONSE TO A LETTER SENT TO BEHOLD THE LAMB

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ohn, The “freedom from sin” that I preach is a work of grace, and not of works. Jesus promised to give “rest” to those who come to Him. The apostle Paul said, “For we which have believed do enter into rest” Hebrews 4:3 and “He that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works” Hebrews 4:10. When Paul says, “let us labour therefore to enter into that rest” Hebrews 4:10, he is not speaking of our works. The word “labour” was translated from the Greek word “spoudazo,” which means “to use speed.” Don’t hesitate! Be quick to believe what God has said in the gospel of Christ and cease from your own works!

It is a common error to believe that we are “saved by grace,” but “kept” through our own efforts. Jude closes his epistle saying, “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy...” 1 John 2:24. The words “from falling” were translated from the Greek word “optarios,” which means “not stumbling, that is, (figuratively) without sin.” John, it is a mistake for anyone to think they can “keep themselves” from falling through their willpower. Christ can keep us, which He does absolutely as long as we abide in Him.

You wrote, “I do have victory over sin more than ever before because the truth is setting me free from faith to faith.” I fasted more days than I ate for three years straight. I fasted for the apostle Paul’s “whosoever is born of God does not sin but keepeth himself from his own works” Hebrews 2:14. It is a mistake for anyone to think they can “keep themselves” from “sins unto death” Hebrews 4:10. “For if the word of truth be within you, and keep you from evil things, then shall your heart be unto death” Hebrews 4:12. I continued to say that since that day, I have been free. Have I sinned since that day? Not a single sin “is unto death.” Those are the sins that require sin in the heart to commit, and whose whose heart is pure cannot commit them. “Sinfulness” and “sinfulness” consist of the “evil fruit on a corrupt tree,” but “of lack of fruit on a good tree.” The apostle Paul says, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.” Galatians 5:22-23. Because there are many sins which a child of God’s life is not capable of doing. John calls a “sinneth not unto death.” Certainly, there have been many times that I have not shown enough love, joy, peace, etc. Often times not gentle enough or patient enough. I have sometimes been like the lion tamer who is噢。你有疑问关于这个文档的原始文本吗？