

Are Sermons You Hear in Church, Bad?

Yup – some of them. I might argue many of them... at least for me growing up.

Here's my devotional for today. This is my second time through this book, which takes a year to go through. I love this one...

9/7 – *Jesus Calling* Devotional

Enjoy the warmth of My Presence shining upon you. Feel your tingle as you bask in My Love-Light. I delight in you more than imagine. I approve of you continuously, for I see you cloaked in Light, arrayed in My righteousness. There is no condemnation those who are clothed in Me! That is why **I abhor the use of guilt means of motivation among Christians.**

Some pastors try to whip their people into action with guilt-inciting sermons. This procedure can drive many people to work harder, but the end does not justify the means. **Guilt-evoking messages can undermine the very foundation of grace in a believer's heart.** A pastor may feel successful when his people are doing more, but I look at their hearts. I grieve when I see grace eroding, with weeds of anxiety creeping in. I want you to relax in the assurance of My Perfect Love. **The law of My Spirit of Life has freed you from the law of sin and death.**

This is what I got trapped in, for so long. I tried to do good instead of just accepting what's been done for me because that is what I heard. The sermons I'd hear most of my life did not focus on grace, but they focused on what I had to do. That's futile. Works lead to death.

All you have to do is accept the free gift of salvation by believing in Jesus, which is God's grace (graciousness). Just accept it. Believe it's been done. Getting to Heaven is not based on your performance... at all. It's what Jesus did. Do not add anything to it...

nothing.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2 ESV

- Wow, God. Thank you for your amazing grace!
- Thank you that I am not guilty of anything.
- Thank you that there is no condemnation for me.

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