

How Do You Want to Live Your Life,

with

Grace - Freedom

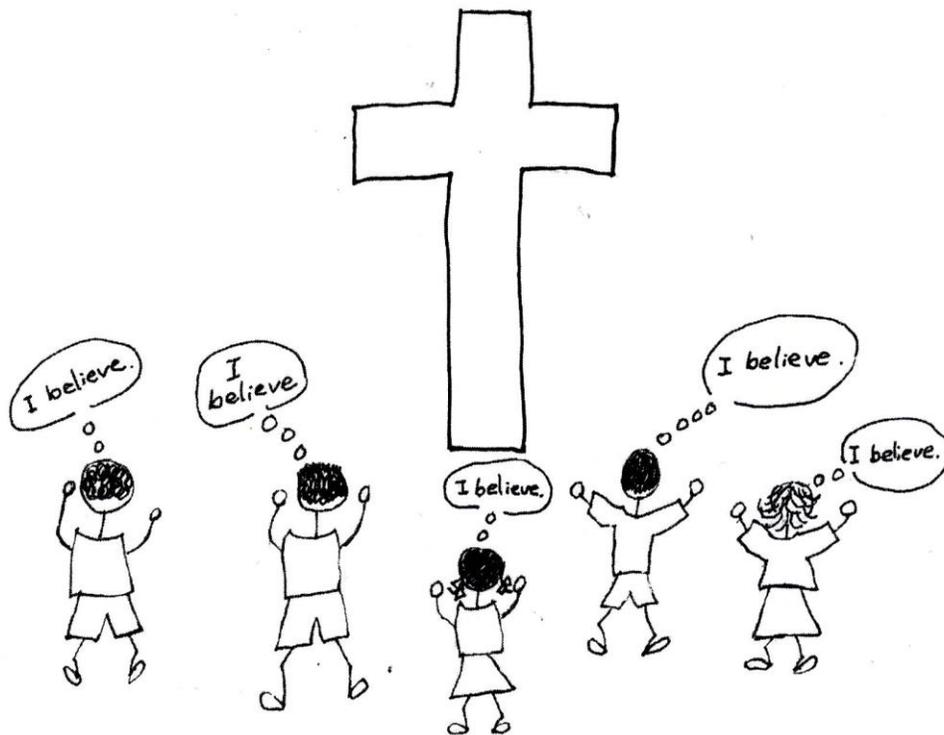
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Guilt - Bondage?



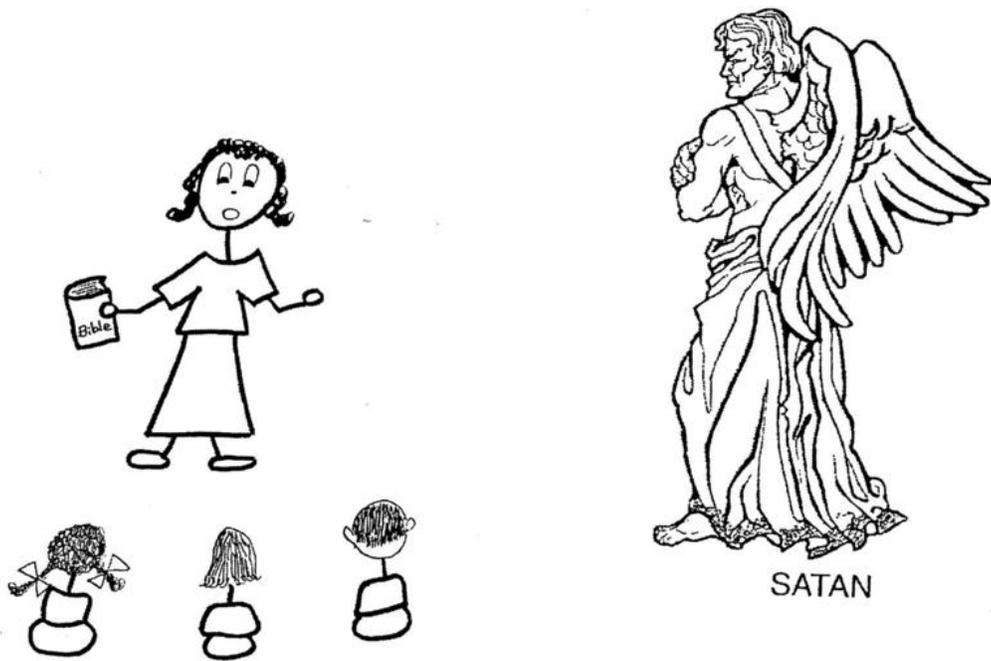
GRACE is freedom! Because of His love for us, God wants us to live in His GRACE and spiritual freedom! We have God the Holy Spirit inside of us with His enabling or helping power. He will teach us about GRACE; He will show us all that God has done, is doing and will do for us because of His GRACE - His free, unmerited love and favor for us. He will teach us about Jesus Christ's work on the cross which makes us free from the bondage of sin! Ahh - peace! We just have to believe that!*

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Grace Orientation*.



Galatians 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

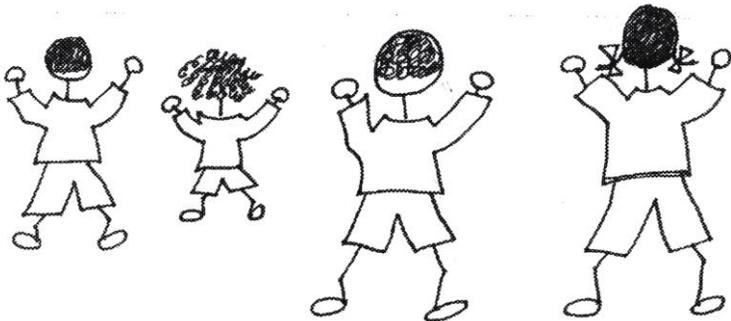
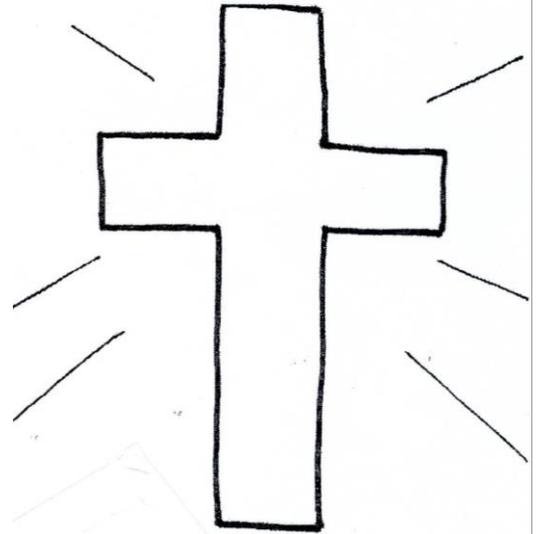
GUILT is bondage! It is a weight that stops our growth in the spiritual life. Satan uses GUILT to keep us from growing near to God and His GRACE. Satan wants us to focus on what we do rather than on what God did for us at the cross. Satan wants us to be in his bondage rather than in God's freedom! He tries to get us away from GRACE and truth since it uncovers his deception. Satan is a liar! God's word uncovers Satan's tricks.



John 8:44 He[Satan]was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

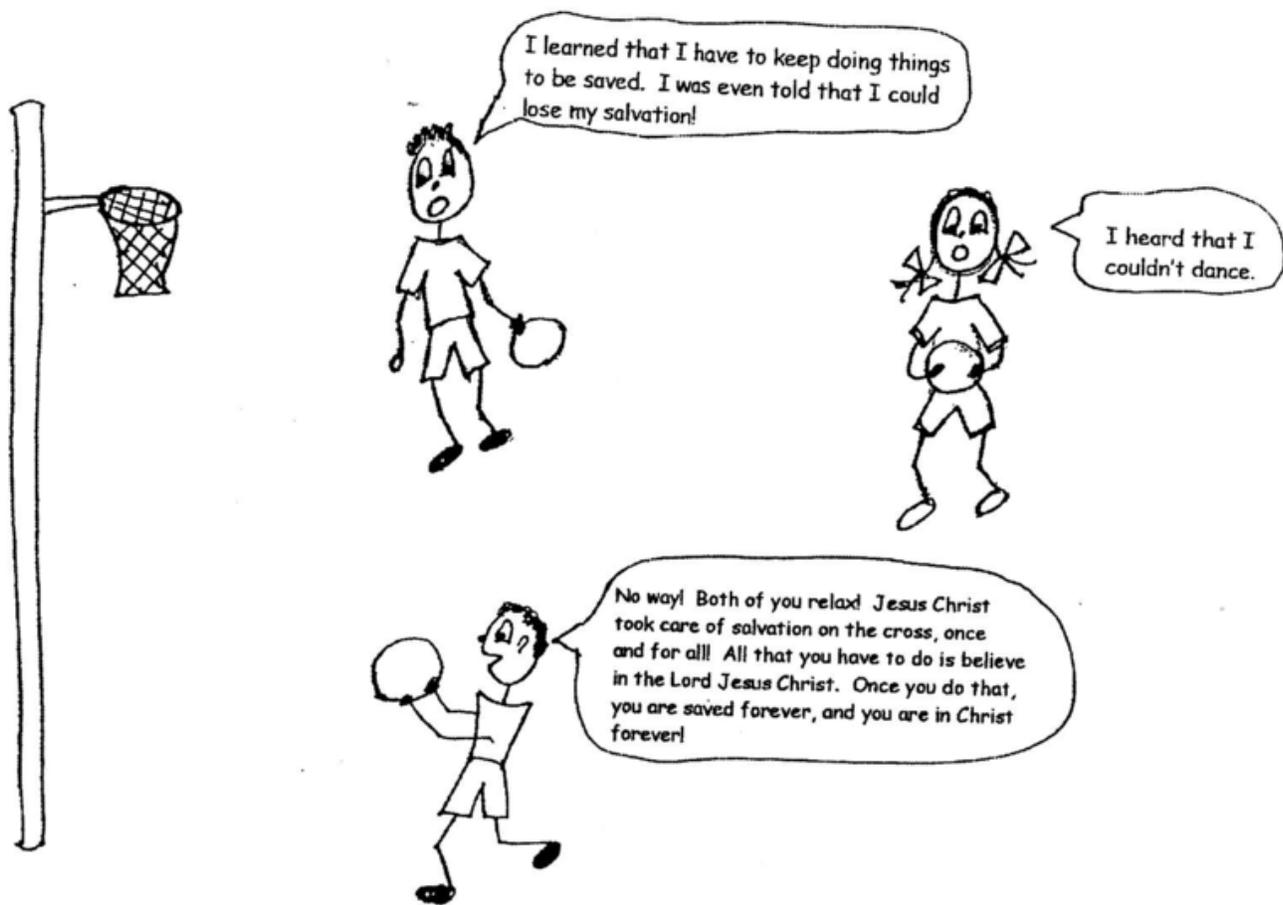
When we became believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we were put into union with Him by God the Holy Spirit! We became a new person **IN CHRIST!*** What a great place to be! Because our position is in Christ, we are acceptable to God. There is nothing that we can do to earn that place or to lose it. That's **GRACE!** Grace is free, unmerited love and favor from God. He doesn't give it to us because of our human works or because we are attractive to Him. God gives us grace because of **Jesus Christ's work on the cross.** God wants us to live in His grace!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Newness of Life in Christ.*



Ephesians 2:4-9 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

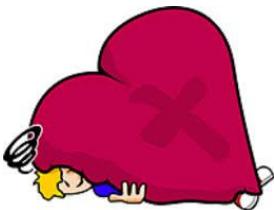
Satan, on the other hand, wants us to feel *GUILTY*. He wants us to think we are not *IN CHRIST*, but that we have to make it on our own. He tries to deceive us by making us think we have to prove ourselves to God by doing good works. Then, when we fall, Satan wants us to feel *GUILTY*. He wants us to focus on our mistakes, not on our new life *IN CHRIST*.



Colossians 3:1-2 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. (New Living Translation.)



When we sin, we get ourselves in some bad conditions. However, we never take ourselves out of union with Christ! We **never** lose God's love! We will always have His eternal life! God doesn't want us to have a GUILT trip. That's not a fun trip! God's plan always offers a way to get us on the right course. His plan offers GRACE, forgiveness, and acceptance. He wants us to acknowledge our sins, realize they have been forgiven and take our focus off ourselves and turn it back on the Lord Jesus Christ! Get the picture??? God wants us to operate with His love and GRACE. That will set us free. Then we can have an enjoyable GRACE trip!



John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

God loves you with an all powerful love!

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