

The Path to Freedom

As a Christian our new found faith in God starts us down a new road in life, a journey that will change us into the image of Christ as we travel down its path. Depending on how much we trust in God and give ourselves completely to Him, determines how rough and rocky that road will be and the experiences we will encounter along the way. If we hold back from God and don't surrender everything to Him, our road will look a lot like the one on the right. This road is full of obstacles, which to those who go down it will experience trials at every turn. Though you can eventually make it down this road, it certainly has its problems. This road looks like the path for those who have not trusted enough in God to turn their burdens over to Him. This is a hard road to toll. Learning to rely on God's grace will make this path an easier journey.



The path to the left looks like a much easier journey. Notice the obstacles are to the side and the road seems clear. The trials and temptations are always lurking in the shadows or waiting to fall into the path to cause us to stumble. Notice this path is not very straight or level. It's full of ups and downs and a lot of brush seems to be blocking our view. This happens a lot when Satan gets us looking at ourselves and our focus is not on Christ. There are always obstacles that block our view of Christ. One moment we are riding high along this road and the next we are in a valley. We seem to have faith enough in God to remove the big rocks along our journey, but we have yet to surrender everything to God. There are still issues we are holding onto that make the journey unnecessarily full of the ups and downs that seem to be part of our life. Learning to trust in the grace of God will make this journey an easier path to follow and level out the road so our lives are not full of ups and downs with

obstacles blocking our view of Christ.

*...The crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough places smooth;
-Isaiah 40:4, Luke 3:5*

The last path is clearly the preferred journey. This looks like the road Christ would walk down. A journey that is free from any burdens. This road is full of faith and trust in God. A life that is clearly surrendered to God and reflects Gods promise to make our paths straight, to take our yokes and heavy burdens.



Grace is all about God and His love for us. It is wonderful and full of freedom from the burdens of life. All we have to do is reach out to God in faith and grab hold of freedom. God has already done the work, all that is left is accepting it.