

## Freedom From Offense – 3 “Offense at God”

Acts 24:16 (KJV)

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Exercise = train (spiritual discipline)

Offense at God or man

Matthew 11:6 “Blessed is he that is not offended in Me.”

\* If Paul and John had to work at it – so do we!

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[ Why Do We Get Offended at God? ]

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1. Misunderstanding of the curses under the law

Deuteronomy 28:15 (KJV)

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Romans 4:15 (KJV)

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Galatians 3:13-14 (KJV)

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- Romans 8:1-4 (ref)
  - Luke 2:14 (ref)
- \* God is not punishing you or wroth with you!
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2. Unprepared for Biblical Christian sufferings  
(i.e. trials, tribulation persecutions, afflictions)

I Peter 4:12-19 (KJV)

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1. People are offended because of hardship

Mark 4:16-17 (ref)

II Timothy 3:12 (ref)

Matthew 7:24-27 (ref) two houses

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2. Romans 8:31-39 (KJV)

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3. Offended over grace (the legalist struggles with grace)

Romans 9:30-33

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1. Grace was a stumblingstone (a rock of offense to the legalist)

2. People who believe we have to earn God's love, acceptance or blessings are offended at grace

\* Salvation without works is offensive to those who are looking to their holiness to be saved and blessed.

Titus 3:5-8 (KJV)

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Titus 3:5-7 (ref) works can't save us

Titus 3:8 (ref) once saved; good works are good and profitable to men (this offends grace groups)

Ex. the woman caught in adultery (John 8 – ref)

John 8:7 “He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.”

v. 10 “Where are your accusers?” There were none.

v. 11 “Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more.”

John 1:14 (ref) balance of grace and truth

- Proverbs 11:1 (ref)
  - Proverbs 17:15 (ref)
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I Corinthians 1:17-24 (KJV)

Jews (religious) = stumblingblock

Greeks (philosophers) = foolishness

US (believers) = power and wisdom of God

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Luke 15:1-2 (KJV)

1. They were offended at God's love, grace, mercy

2. Lost sheep

Lost coin

Lost son

3. vs. 28-32

Older son was offended

At what? God's love, mercy (grace)

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