



Lewiston Church of Christ

July 2, 2017

Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Rules No Longer Rule

Two major schools of thought have vied for preeminence over my lifetime:

1. Keep your shirt tucked in!
2. Keep your shirt un-tucked.

It was so easy when I was a kid. Everyone from my mom to my teachers held firmly to rule #1. But today, I see people breaking that rule with impunity. What is going on? How do I handle this strange new fashionable fuzziness that has risen to keep guys like me confused? Rebellion is everywhere. Even my fashion expert wife allows for flexibility on this monumental issue.

I am not sure I can handle all this freedom. If I can wear my shirts however I please, then those who dislike my choices can actually blame me for them. My freedom means that I will be held responsible for my choices! Gasp! Why can't I just go back to being a kid and follow simple instructions?

As for the tucked-or-untucked fashion war, Christianity does not help much. In fact, anyone who longs for a rigid system of rules and regulations for how to live and think will not find much solace in Christianity. Faith in Jesus forces us to grow up and live by a higher standard than rigid rules can provide. The apostle Paul called that standard, "**grace.**"

Of course, fashion questions are nowhere near as serious as whether to be faithful or not to your family and church. But in both cases, mere rules no longer rule over our hearts. What rules our hearts as grown-up Christians is the glorious grace of God Himself! According to Paul, the grace of God is continually "instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age." (Titus 2:12).

If you choose rules over grace, you have set your standards for giving and living far too low.

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