

The Great Objection ...

To the doctrine of

Justification by Faith Alone

“If I believed that, why wouldn’t I go out and live like the devil?”

Answer:

“Your statement indicates that you have a very low opinion of God. God is not powerless to motivate His children to obey Him.”



**Be not deceived;
God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth,
that shall he also reap.
Galatians 6:7**

I've heard this objection to free grace many times – it seems to promote sin. The idea that eternally secure people have no reason to live for God inadvertently demonstrates a very low opinion of God. Earthly parents have no ability to threaten their children with hell. Yet good parents are able to motivate their children to obey them. The American government can't send anyone to hell either, but it has many ways of motivating obedience to its laws. Is God less powerful than earthly parents or human government? No one – believer or unbeliever- can live like the devil and “get away with it.” That would be mocking God!