

WHAT LEGALISM IS & HOW IT SHOWS ITSELF Pt. 4

The authentic Christian life is designed to be a daily, personal, vertical fellowship with God based upon your identification with Jesus Christ, motivated primarily by His love, and provided totally by His grace and power, which is enjoyed through repeated responses of faith as one diligently seeks the Lord, resulting in spiritual growth into Christ-likeness, faithful obedience to God's will, and fruitful service in love, all to the glory of God.

Legalism is the mental attitude or false belief which seeks to _____ or _____ the blessings of God by _____ or _____ for either salvation or sanctification.

A. Regarding JUSTIFICATION BY GRACE & ETERNAL SECURITY (Gal. 2:16,21)

B. Regarding SANCTIFICATION BY GRACE - Galatians 2:20-21: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

In contrast to spirituality and practical sanctification by grace through faith in Christ as your Life empowered by the Holy Spirit ...

1. There is the legalistic teaching that while JUSTIFICATION IS GOD'S WORK, **SANCTIFICATION IS _____ WORK.** (Galatians 3:1-3)
2. There is the legalistic teaching of **SPIRITUALITY BY _____**. This involves thinking you are spiritual because you have participated in some ritual like water baptism or the Lord's Supper. (1 Cor. 11:26-32)
3. There is the legalistic teaching of **OBSERVING _____**. (Gal.4:4-10; Col.2:16-17)
4. There is the legalistic teaching of **CONFUSING SPIRITUALITY with _____**. (Rev.3:14-21; Col. 2:20-3:4)
5. There is the legalistic **MIS-EMPHASIS** on the _____ vs. the _____. (1 Samuel 16:7; Col.2:6-7; 1 Peter 1:8)
6. There is the legalistic teaching of the ' _____ ' approach. (Gal.5:16-18)
7. There is the legalistic teaching of the **attempting spirituality by the _____** approach of legitimate NT activities such as reading your Bible, praying, witnessing, giving, singing, etc. (Romans 7:15-18)
8. There is the legalistic teaching of _____ and _____ **to be spiritual**, which misunderstands the purpose of 1 John 1:9.

1 John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard (namely, Jesus Christ) we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin.

And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him.

By this we know that we are in Him.

6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

7 Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

9. There is the legalistic teaching of a carrying over **OT practices for Israel** approach such as _____, etc. to be spiritual or binding upon Church-age believers. (Rom.6:14)
10. There is the legalistic teaching of **making** _____ issues of spirituality, especially in areas of personal conscience. However, it is not legalistic to properly exercise your liberty for the furtherance of the Gospel (1 Cor.9) or to limit its expressions when needed due to love & a desire to not stumble others. (1 Cor. 8)

