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The Curse of Legalism

Galatians 2:4-19

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Acts 15:1-2, 4, 6-11

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Galatians 2:1-5

Judaizers = "Real Christians become good Jews!"

In Christianity, the term "legalism" refers to (1) requiring works for salvation, which is the opposite of sola fide (faith alone). (2) emphasizing a system of rules and regulations for achieving spiritual growth. This is derived from the legal system of commandments, ordinances, and regulations contained in the Mosaic Law.

Legalism brings personal _____ on us.

Galatians 2:4-5

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"In like manner do we offer to the papists all that is to be offered, yea, and more than we ought. Only we except the liberty of conscience which we have in Christ Jesus. For we will not suffer our conscience to be bound to any work so that by doing this thing, or that, we should be righteous, or leaving the same undone, we should be damned... For the matter which we have in hand is weightv and of great importance, even touching the death of the Son of God, who by the will and commandment of the Father was made flesh. was crucified, and died for the sins of the world. If faith in Him here give place, then is this death and resurrection of the Son of God in vain; it is but a fable that Christ is the Savior of the world. Our stoutness then in this godly and holy, for by it we seek to keep our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, and thereby to retain the truth of the gospel; which if we lose then we do also lose God, Christ all the promises, faith, righteousness and everlasting life." —Martin Luther

Legalism le	eads to public
and _	with others.

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"Legalism is a quickened outward compliance to Law without the inward commitment to Law."
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Legalism smacks at presumptive with God.

Galatians 2:15-19

Galatians 3:21-22

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"The modern manipulation of God is extremely subtle, but the heart of it lies in a kind of evangelical humanism. God is looked upon as existing to serve my ends; not I existing to serve God's ends... Do I pray, attend church and tithe my income in order to receive special favors, or do I do those things out of realizing who God is and for the joy of obeying the majestic, glorious God of the universe? Do I seek to please Him in order that my loved one may be healed, or is it because I love Him so much I could not do otherwise? Do I write for 'my gain' or for 'God's glory' underneath everything I do for Him?" —Glyn Evans, *Daily With the King*

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"Justification is the gracious act of God by which God declares a sinner righteous solely through faith in Jesus Christ."

-Platt and Merida

Galatians 2:19

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