

Confronting Legalism

Galatians 5:1-6

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision accomplish anything but Faith energized by love.”

What challenge do WE face?

TO LIVE A LIFE CHARACTERIZED BY THE FREEDOM CHRIST OFFERS VIA FAITH

Legalism demands 100% loyalty

Galatians 5:3

Legalism has no ability to draw you closer to Christ

Galatians 5:4

A Life of Faith has no room for Legalism

Galatians 5:5

How do WE confront legalism?

WE MUST RECOGNIZE ITS FRUIT.

Legalism defines Sin differently than Faith does

Sin as Action?

Sin as Lack of trust?

Rom 14:23

Legalism focuses on the smallest details

Luke and the Woes

Luke 11:42, 46.

Legalism focuses on the approval of others

Example

John 12:42-43

Faith focuses on God's provision

Example

Adam

Matthew 6:25-30

How do WE live by Faith?

We must willingly and openly confront Legalism in our personal lives so that others might recognize the fruit of legalism in their own life and do the same.

We must confess the sin in our life when we fail to place our trust wholly and solely in God and seek instead to earn our righteousness.

We must publicly remind others that God is faithful toward those who trust him, by providing testimony when we see God at work.

READ in Closing

Psalm 81:11-16