

GALATIANS

FREEDOM THROUGH CHRIST



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Sermon Outline

Key verse

Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.”

Galatians 3:11

Christ frees us from the trap of legalism

1. Legalism steals our joy

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalms 16:11

2. Legalism enslaves us to good works

For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse.

Galatians 3:10

3. Legalism alienates us from others

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

FREEDOM FROM LEGALISM

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

Legalism confuses people and makes them believe that their relationship with God is based on how well they follow the rules. The gospel tells us that Christ has atoned for our sins and through faith in him, we can know God.

Ice breakers

- Do you tend to be a rule follower or a rule breaker?
- What was your least favorite rule growing up?

Dig Deeper

- What legalistic tendencies do you see in your own life? What is the solution?
- John shared three ways that legalism impacts us. Which one rings most true for you?
- Did Paul seem to think that legalism was a minor problem? Do we take legalism as seriously as he does? Should we?
- In verse 1, Paul expresses his astonishment at the Galatians. What might have led them to shift their focus from the message of Christ crucified?
- Reflect on Paul's use of the term "bewitched" in verse 1. What do you think he is trying to convey about the Galatians' mindset?
- Verse 6 highlights Abraham's belief being counted as righteousness. How does this Old Testament example connect with the Galatians' situation?
- Consider Paul's emphasis on faith in verses 11-12. How does faith play a central role in our relationship with God, according to this passage?
- Verse 13 speaks of Christ redeeming us from the curse of the law. What does this redemption mean for believers, and how does it impact our daily lives?

Closing

The good news of the gospel is that we are saved by grace through faith. We are free to joyfully serve Christ together! Don't fall prey to the lies of legalism!