

Galatians 5:1-26 - Have You Fallen From Grace?

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- 2) Legalism focuses on your _____ - your successes and failures.
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- 4) God has given you _____ - so fall INTO His grace.
- 5) Salvation by grace is NOT a _____ to _____
- 6) Living by rules and regulations can only produce one of two things: self-_____ or self-_____. (Jon Courson)

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- 7) In salvation, we STAND in His GRACE
- 8) In the day-to-day, we WALK in the SPIRIT
- 9) Do I bear FRUIT of the Spirit, or WORKS of the flesh?
- 10) It's not about how you START, but how you FINISH

Life Group Homework
For the week of May 28, 2023

- 6) What stands out to you from the following passage?
Romans 8:1-4 NIV - "[1] Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, [2] because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. [3] For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, [4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."

What would you say to a Christian friend who says God isn't pleased with them because they haven't been praying or reading the Bible enough?

TAKING IT HOME

- 7) In what way(s) does God want you to walk in the Spirit this week? Be specific!
- 8) How is God speaking to you from this week's passage, message, or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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QUICK REVIEW

- 1) Jon Courson says, "The tricky thing about legalism is that it begins with the right motives. Because we care so much about our congregations or our kids, we put legalistic perimeters around them. Although the motive is sincere, it ends in disaster because rules and regulations produce only one of two things: self-glorification, or self-condemnation. 'The secret to God's blessing lies in getting up at four o'clock every morning,' you might say. Consequently, for two years you roll out of bed every morning at four o'clock on the dot, thinking, Look at me. I've got it all together. One morning, however, you ignore the alarm. Self-glorification turns to self-condemnation, as you cry, 'Alas. The Lord will not hear my prayer today. For that matter, He probably won't hear any more of my prayers ever.' You then find yourself on a spiritual roller coaster—up when you succeed and down when you fail."

Have you ever struggled with legalism by trying to live up to someone else's standards or rules? Explain.

Have you ever struggled with legalism by thinking you're better than others because of your success? Explain

How did God break you free from that legalism?

- 2) What is at least one thing that stood out to you from this Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

3) What stands out to you from the following passage?

Psalm 130:1-8 - "[1] A Song of Ascents. Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; [2] Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications. [3] If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? [4] But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. [5] I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. [6] My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning--Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. [7] O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. [8] And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities."

In what way(s) do you see the psalmist standing in grace?

What does this psalm teach you about man's sinfulness?

4) What stands out to you from the following passage?

2 Timothy 3:1-5 - "[1] But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: [2] For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [3] unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, [4] traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, [5] having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

Looking at that list, what are you most tempted to allow in your heart and/or life?

What can you do to resist this temptation and instead bear the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)?

5) The Bible is clear that a Christian cannot *lose their salvation* - but there are those who *claim* to be Christians but are, in fact, false believers and not saved. Therefore, we should regularly evaluate our faith. What stands out to you from the following passages?

1 John 3:6 - "[6] Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him."

1 John 2:18-19 - "[18] Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. [19] They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us."

2 Timothy 2:19 - "[19] Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.""

What is your confidence that you are a true, genuine Christian?

How do we know whether someone else is a true Christian or only a Christian by name?