

THE FLESHLY MINISTRY OF THE LEGALIST EXPOSED

(Galatians 6:11-13)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)

II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)

III. PAUL DEFENDS CHRISTIAN LIBERTY AND LIVING BY GRACE (Gal. 5 & 6)

A. You are to STAND FAST in Grace against LEGALISM (5:1-12)

B. You are to STAND FIRM in Liberty against LICENSE (5:13-26)

C. You are to SERVE OTHERS faithfully in the Spirit by LOVE (6:1-10)

D. You are to DISCERN the legalist's hidden AGENDA (6:11-13)

* On a personal note...

--Paul most likely wrote the whole epistle in his _____ (aorist-indicative).

--This reflects a certain sense of _____ for the Galatian situation, as well as the personal _____ and _____ of the Apostle.

1. Legalism accentuates the _____, "As many as desire to make a good _____ in the flesh." (6:12a)

* Who are legalists out to impress (Matt. 6:1-6)?

* What is God concerned about when it comes to attitude and service (1 Sam. 16:7)?

2. Legalism _____ or _____ you into obliging them, rather than allowing space for personal growth or for the _____ to lead you, "these would compel you to be circumcised." (6:12b)

* Is there ever a time when it is appropriate to challenge another believer with a “spiritual bump”?

3. Legalism wants to avoid legitimate _____ that comes about as a result of taking an _____ stand on sound doctrine and practice, “*only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.*” (6:12c)

* How might a legalist go about doing this?

4. Legalism is loaded with _____, *For not even those who are circumcised keep the law.* (6:13a)

* What are some examples of these inconsistencies?

5. Legalism tends to boast in _____ and _____, *but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.* (6:13b)

* How is this proven to be true when evaluating true success in a local church today?

a. The spiritual believer will be concerned about the Word of God _____ being _____ just for the sake of numbers.

b. The spiritual believer will be _____ when the church grows numerically, if it means believers are _____ and the lost are being won for Christ.

* How can you apply this truth?