

"Living Out Your Freedom" Colossians 2:16-19
Sermon Notes ♦ July 12, 2015

Introduction:

The Problem with _____

Legalism can be defined as a strict adherence to the law. Specifically, as it relates to faith, a legalist is one who believes that performance is the way to gain favor with God. Legalism is the human attempt to gain salvation or prove our spirituality by outward conformity to a list of religious "do's" and "don't's." It's often disguised in Christian terms and behavior.
- Brian Bill

""These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."
- Mark 7:6-8

Remember Your Legal Position Before _____

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus....
- Romans 8:1

"I shall ask you one simple question: Did you receive the Spirit of God by trying to keep the Law or by believing the message of the Gospel? Surely you can't be so idiotic as to think that a man begins his spiritual life in the Spirit and then completes it by reverting to outward observances!"

- Galatians 3: 2, 3 (Phillips Paraphrase)

Refuse to Judge By _____ (vv. 16, 17)

The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming-- not the realities themselves.
- Hebrews 10:1

Reject _____ Authority (vv. 18, 19)

Repudiate Religious _____ (vv. 20-23)

"I have found, in my own spiritual life, that the more rules I lay down for myself, the more sins I commit."
- Charles Spurgeon

Remain _____ to Christ (v. 19)

Living Out Your Freedom

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age....
- Titus 2:11, 12

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

- John 8:36