
Sermon Text Discussion Notes 5/31/2020

“Gospel Freedom vs. Moralism” by Drew Hunter from Galatians 5:1-6

Overview

As we begin a new series on the fruit of the Spirit, it's critical we understand the different types of soils that exist if we are to produce good fruit. This week, we focused on the contrasts between gospel freedom and legalism/moralism. To understand the differences between these two soils, we asked the below questions about legalism and religious moralism:

- 1) What is it?
- 2) Why is it dangerous?
- 3) How do we avoid it?

Quotes

“Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more. Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you. Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” -Prayer by John Stott

Understanding & Application

- 1) In your own words, describe what is meant by the phrase “legalism and religious moralism.”
- 2) How is gospel freedom different than legalism and religious moralism?
- 3) Complete this theological math equation and explain your answer: GRACE + WORKS = _____ .
- 4) What is the role of good works in the Christian life? If they are not what contributes to our salvation, then why are we still commanded to do them? What should be our motivation for good works?
- 5) In our sinful hearts, we are all addicted to trying to perform and measure up. In what areas of your life are you most tempted to be a “slave” to this?
- 6) In light of your answer to #5, how have you been set free from this according to Galatians 5:1? How do you preach gospel freedom to yourself?