

Reviewing the “Antidote to Legalism”

Galatians Outline:

- I. Personal: Paul Defends His Authority and Origination of His Gospel (Galatians 1 & 2)
- II. Doctrinal: Paul Defends His God–Given Message — The Gospel of Grace (Galatians 3 & 4)
- III. Practical: Paul Defends Christian Liberty and Living by Grace (Galatians 5&6)

Key Verses:

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| 1. 1:8-9 - | 9. 3:26-29 - |
| 2. 2:16 - | 10. 4:1-7 - |
| 3. 2:20 - | 11. 5:1-4 - |
| 4. 2:21 - | 12. 5:13 - |
| 5. 3:1-5 - | 13. 5:16-17 - |
| 6. 3:6-9 - | 14. 6:1 - |
| 7. 3:10-12 - | 15. 6:10 - |
| 8. 3:24-25 - | 16. 6:14-15 - |

Principles from Chapters 5 and 6:

1. As a believer identified in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, you are set free from your sin nature's control. You have liberty and freedom in Christ. Christ set you free from your old master so that you can serve Him by faith. Practically, He did not set you free for you to do your own thing.
2. You cannot serve two masters at once. Either you are serving the sin nature through legalism or license or you are serving Jesus Christ. There are consequences for either decision.
3. You receive no practical benefits from your relationship with Jesus Christ when you live legalistically or licentiously.
4. The Christian life must be lived by grace through faith in Christ. In doing so, you will stand fast in the liberty that Christ has provided for you. All people in your sphere of influence can then benefit from your walk of faith and works of love.
5. You will encounter legalism and false teachers, and if not separated from, they will affect your walk with the Lord, they will hinder your race, and they will cause you trouble. If you do separate from them, those false teachers and legalists will persecute you.
6. When you stand fast in liberty, you will serve others in love.
7. Conduct your life by means of the Holy Spirit and the desires of your Sin Nature will never ever come to fruition.
8. The lust of the flesh and the lust of the Spirit will constantly make war in your mind.
9. Your position in Christ and your practice in life can be the same if we walk in the Spirit.
10. Not every sin needs to be addressed by others. This leads to nitpicky legalistic Christians. Extend grace.
11. Those who live legalistically are often hypocrites.
12. As Christians, we should care and serve others who are in difficult trials. We should do good to all but especially believers.
13. It is easy to become weary in the Christian life. Keep on keeping on by faith in Jesus Christ.