

Jesus: Radical Lawbreaker?

Where would we be at the end of 2020 if we fixed our eyes first and foremost on Jesus – every hour, every day – in a way that allowed Him to capture our hearts more than any competing vision?

Legalism is a disease of the heart that causes spiritual blindness!
We must take every precaution to protect ourselves from this spreading disease

vv. 1-2 – Seeing Legalism: _____

- Starts with the _____
- Makes the _____
- _____ to Jesus

vv. 3-11 – Seeing Jesus

- _____ as a path to righteousness
- _____ to be made and kept righteous
- Follow Jesus in _____
 - Obey _____
 - Apply _____
 - Allow for _____ (Romans 14, 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1)

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FURTHER ACTION

- Read the book of Galatians this week!
- Meditate on Romans 8:1-4, Colossians 2:16-23
- Read these articles about identifying legalism:
- <https://radical.net/articles/three-signs-you-might-be-a-covert-legalist/>
- <https://frankpowell.me/signs-legalism-jesus>
- Read “How should New Testament believers relate to the OT law” - <https://bible.org/question/how-should-new-testament-believers-relate-ot-law>
- Watch “Free Indeed” by Tony Evans - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAXWPlyYqs&fbclid=IwAR2Y1rer9SRU-HnebR5nVY2lsRH202SBoaSaoJxolEhCYTpGPuU4lvSHXg>

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION ON LUKE 6:17-26

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. How would you define “legalism”?
3. Where have you observed legalism? In yourself? Others? Religions? Churches?
4. Take time to read Matthew 23 – where do you see legalism in the behaviors of the Pharisees? How is this affecting them and others?
5. Read Matthew 5:17-20. What do we learn about the law in this passage? About Jesus?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 8:1-4, Hebrews 10:1-10. What do we learn about the work of Christ in these passages as it relates to our righteousness?
7. Do you see yourself as having the righteousness of Christ? Why or why not?
8. Read Romans 14:10-18. What do you observe in this passage that relates to legalism?
9. What are some practical ways we can guard against legalism in our lives and church?
10. How can we call each other to holy living in healthy ways that do not involve legalism