

## BREAKING OUT OF LEGALISM – PART II

### “Three Types of Legalism”

There are different strains of viruses that come out every year. We have seen this with the omicron variant of the corona virus. There are also different variants of legalism which are all harmful to one’s spiritual health. This morning three types of legalism will be explored that have been around for a long time. Hopefully, this study will help us find more freedom in our walk with the Lord.

#### #1. LEGALISM THAT BLOCKS THE WAY OF SALVATION, Gal 1:6-10

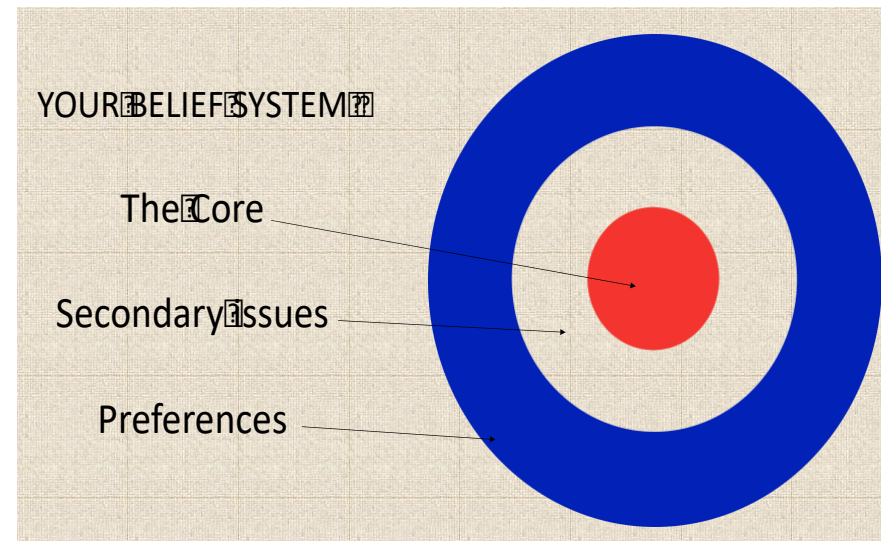
- A. The Galatians were departing from the gospel, vv. 6-10
- B. The Judaizers were Jewish nationalists who advocated adherence to the Law of Moses plus faith in Jesus, Acts 15:1-2 & 5
- C. They were going backwards to a bygone era – the OC
- D. They were in grave spiritual danger, Gal 5:2-6
- E. The Judaizers theology blocked the road to heaven
- F. The beliefs we employ greatly matter
- G. The gospel must never be added too or taken away from, Rev 22:18, Deu 4:2, 12:32

#### #2. LEGALISM THAT MAKES YOUR WALK WITH THE LORD BURDENSOME, Mark 2-3

- A. The ancestral traditions of the Jewish leaders
- B. This type of legalism deals with one’s sanctification
- C. This type of legalism establishes a false set of criteria that measures spiritual maturity, John 15:1-6, Gal 5:22-23
- D. There is much legalism that exists today

#### #3. LEGALISM THAT IS BASED ON PERSONAL PREFERENCES

- A. Everyone has personal preferences
- B. Everyone’s preferences must not be put in the core
- C. Every preference placed in the core creates hyper-legalism
- D. Everyone’s preferences should not be matters of contention in church



**THE CORE:** The most important things in Scripture that define the way of salvation. The core should consist of things that all Christians should believe.

**SECONDARY ISSUES:** Things that are important but not essential to one’s salvation.

**PREFERENCES:** Personal preferences are maintained by everyone and are nothing more than that. Preferences should never be in the core.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Refer to the diagram and discuss what should be in the core of one's belief system.
- #2. Who were the Judaizers and what were they teaching? (Gal 1:6-9, 5:2-6)
- #3. What was the danger the Galatian Christians were in? (Gal 1:6-9)
- #4. What are some other teachings in today's world that block the road to heaven?
- #5. Refer to the diagram and discuss what is meant by secondary matters.
- #6. What is the danger of placing secondary matters in the core of one's belief system?
- #7. The Corinthians and some Christians today place spiritual gifts, specifically speaking in tongues, in the core. What are your thoughts on this?
- #8. Refer to the diagram and discuss what is meant by personal preferences?
- #9. What is the danger of placing personal preferences in the core of your belief system? Give examples
- #10. Give some examples of man-made beliefs put in the core.
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

# Welcome to Hillcrest Church

*Love God, Love Each Other!*

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.  
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be  
burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

*Galatians 5:1*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THIS MORNING'S TEACHING**

Pastor Bruce is continuing his series "Breaking Out of Legalism". His teaching this morning will focus on three different varieties of legalism which are all harmful to one's spiritual health. Next week's message will focus on chapters 4-9 in the book.

### **JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE GATHERINGS**

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access the gathering.

### **YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

Every Saturday at 10am Pastor Bruce is teaching a yoga class which is open to our community at no charge. Invite a friend.

### **BOOKS FOR THE SERMON SERIES ARE AVAILABLE**

Pastor Bruce's book on legalism is available in the back of the sanctuary for \$20, or any donation. The book is also available on amazon in the kindle format. All proceeds of the book go into the building fund.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

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