

BREAKING OUT OF LEGALISM – PART V
“ONLY ONE JUDGE”
Romans 14:1-12

“There is only one judge.” This is a foundational principle for living in the peace and joy of life with Christ. Ignoring this principle is what leads to legalism, disharmony, and a loss of peace and joy.

BACKGROUND

Core truths about Christ transcend culture.

Secondary issues and preferences are often shaped by culture.

Surrendering power is the key to harmony.

Romans 14:9–10 (NLT) (Msg.)

There is only one judge.

THE FEAR OF BEING JUDGED

Matthew 23:4 (NLT)

Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

The only way to gain freedom from the fear of being judged is to spend time with Jesus.

THE ERROR OF BECOMING JUDGE

Ironically one of the ways we respond to our fear of being judged is by judging others.

Comparing ourselves with others never draws us closer to Christ.

Luke 18:9-14 (NLT)

Only Christ can judge our hearts. Romans 14:17 (NLT)

James 3:17-18 (NLT)

THE CALL TO INSTRUCT

Romans 15:14 (ESV)

Admonishment if focused on behavior, not character.

Admonishment should always be done with humility. Galatians 6:1 (NLT)

Admonishment should always be reciprocal.

One of the keys to ending legalism is embracing the fact that Jesus is the only judge and as Judge he has set us free to love and to serve in a sense of peace and joy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) In what ways was coming to Christ different for Jews than it was for Gentiles?
- 2) In what ways do you think the church in Rome may have changed during the years that all Jewish people were expelled from the city? In what ways did it remain the same?
- 3) How do you think Jewish Christians might have felt when they returned to fellowship in the Roman church? How do you think Gentile Christians might have felt when the Jewish Christians returned?
- 4) Both Jews and Gentiles need to surrender their desire to have control over the congregation. In what situations is this important in the church today?
- 5) According to Romans 14:9-10 why should we not pass judgement on other believers?
- 6) In what way does remembering that Jesus is the only judge free us from fear?
- 7) Share a time when you were concerned about being judged by other Christians?
- 8) What can we do to overcome our fear of being judged by other Christians? (Matthew 11:28-29)
- 9) What are some of the problems we have when we tried to replace Jesus as judge?
- 10) How would you explain the differences between warning someone of spiritual danger and judging them? (Galatians 6:1)

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

March 20, 2022

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MORNING'S TEACHING

Pastor Tim Brooks will be teaching on the dangers of judging one another and how that can become a legalistic practice. God is the only judge.

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Bruce will bring the message about the liberty we have in Christ. The apostle Paul and Peter were both set free from the legalistic practices of Judaism, but Peter had a rough go of it, Paul didn't.

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) to access the gathering.

YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Is cancelled until further notice

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

SPRING CLEANING / WORK DAY

April 2, Saturday at 9am – noon. Stop in and help clean up the church. A list of work to be done will be provided. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be served.

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10th

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15th

Join us for our service Friday at 6pm.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17th

Celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Invite a friend to join in the celebration. Activities available for the kids. After the service we will have a potluck and enjoy good food and fellowship.

EAST INDIAN DINNER APRIL 30th 5:30

The annual dinner is our fund-raising event for missions. We raise money for pastor Charles in Uganda and the Great Commission Fund, which supports missionaries in the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

MISSIONS GIVING 2021

Total - \$18,234

East Indian Dinner

\$8,244

\$4,122 - Uganda School

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Total Giving

\$5,522 – Uganda School

\$12,712 – Great Commission Fund

Total

\$18,234

CHURCH IN THE PARK JUNE 5th

Worship in Garbolino park followed by a picnic

CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 14th

Location to be determined