

BREAKING OUT OF LEGALISM – PART VII
“The Paradigm Shift”
Galatians 5:1

There have been scientific discoveries that were so monumental they are referred to as paradigm shifts. For example, when it was discovered that the sun is at the center of our solar system, rather than the earth, that was a paradigm shift. A paradigm shift occurs when our perception of reality, the way the world works changes. Many believers need to go through a paradigm shift regarding the way they view God’s love. Today’s message will explain why.

#1. THE PERFORMANCE—BASED APPROACH TO LIFE IN AMERICA

- A. Performance in the home growing up
- B. Performance in school
- C. Performance in business
- D. Performance in sports
- E. Performance in personal appearance

RED FLAG

The performance—based approach to life can be _____ to our relationship with God

#2. THE PERFORMANCE—BASED APPROACH TO GOD’S LOVE IS AN _____ THEOLOGICAL ERROR

- A. Legalism is the oldest religion of man
- B. Legalism is promoted by Satan-the Father of lies, John 8:44
- C. Legalism prevents us from experiencing the fullness of God’s love

APPLICATION POINT

The error of legalism assaults the way God _____ to us and _____ us

#3. THE PERFORMANCE—BASED APPROACH TO GOD’S LOVE RESULTS IN SPIRITUAL _____ Gal 5:1, 4

- A. God wants us free from man-made codes, Mark 7:1-3
- B. God’s love can’t be earned, Gal 2:16
- C. God’s love is given graciously

The Definition of Legalism

Legalism is an attempt to replace the liberty inherent in the gospel with conformity to rules and regulations to earn God’s favor. Whether for salvation or sanctification, one’s adherence to a code is how he/she gains God’s approval.

#4. THE FAITH—BASED APPROACH TO GOD’S LOVE FREES US SO WE CAN _____ OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

- A. The love of God is received by faith & repentance
- B. The love of God is unconditional throughout our lives
- C. The love of God is reflected in adoption, Rom 8:15-16
- D. The love of God is demonstrated in Fatherly love, Mat 7:9-12, Ps 103:11-14, Heb 12:4-11

#5. THE LOVE WE HAVE FOR GOD IS DEMONSTRATED BY OUR _____

- A. Obedience is not legalism, 1 John 5:2-3
- B. Obedience flows out of our love for God
- C. Obedience keeps us in God’s love, Jude 21
- D. Obedience is the fruit of a transformed life

NOTES:

ANSWERS: Transferred, Old, Relates, Loves, Slavery, Enjoy, Transformed Life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. In what way(s) is American culture performance based?
- #2. In what way(s) do people transfer their experience with their parents, or home life, to their relationship with God?
- #3. Why does Satan promote legalism?
- #4. In what way(s) is legalism the religion of man?
- #5. In what way(s) is God's love unconditional?
- #6. Discuss the difference between the performance—based approach to God's love with the faith—based approach to God's love.
- #7. If somebody said being obedient to God is a form of legalism, how would you respond to that?
- #8. In what way(s) does legalism impede the experience of God's love in the life of a believer?
- #9. Discuss the similarities between raising children and how God relates to us as his children? (Hebrews 12:4-11)
- #10. Discuss Jude 21 as it relates to staying in God's love.
- #11. What are your takeaways about legalism from this teaching and the entire series on legalism?

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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

COMMUNION THIS MORNING

Communion cups are available at the entrance

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who participated in yesterday's work day.

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10th

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15th

Join us for our Good Friday Reflections at Hillcrest Church at 6pm.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17th

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

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).

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 2021

\$8,244

\$4,122 - Uganda School

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Total Giving

\$5,522 – Uganda School

\$12,712 – Great Commission Fund

Total

\$18,234

What is our goal for 2022?

CHURCH IN THE PARK JUNE 5th

Worship in Garbolino park followed by a picnic

CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 14th

Location to be determined