

The Congregation Pt25

The Dangers Of Legalism Pt3

MATTHEW 23:25-28

25. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.
26. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.
27. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
28. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

TAKING SIDES WITH JESUS [62-0601]

He was trying to break up that legalist bunch. And if He was here on earth today, He'd try to do the same thing.

LUKE 7:50 [NB note: Woman with the alabaster box.]

50. And he said to the woman, **Thy faith hath saved thee;** go in peace.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

8. **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**
9. **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

ADOPTION #3 [60-0522M]

There's where it knocks the--the props out from under legalists. Yes, sir. Brother, let me tell you, "*It's not by works, but by grace are we saved, and that by faith.*" Yes, sir. Now, I won't condemn legalist brethren; they're my brothers. They'll be there just the same as any of the rest of them will be there, 'cause God foreordained His church to be there. But just the thing, you--**you keep the people so tore up; they don't know what.**

ROMANS 9:16

16. **So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.**

HEBREWS SIX PT3 [57-0915M]

In the perfection, not eating meats, and doing this, and perfecting the body, you'll never have It. And you've got to quit this, and do this, and do this, and do this, that's law. **That's legalists. We don't believe in the legal forms of salvation.** We believe It that by grace are we saved. And it's not you. You have nothing to do with it. It's God's election that does it. "*No man can come to Me except My Father draws him.*" That's right. And He... All Jesus come to do was to get these that the Father foreknew; and predestinated them before the foundation of the world. They become sons and daughters of God. Amen. "*Not him that runneth, or him that willeth, but God that showeth mercy.*" **God that does it. You can't brag, at all. There's not a thing that you did.** God, by grace, saved you; not you, yourself. If you do, you got something to brag about. But you haven't nothing to brag. **All praises goes to Him. It's Him.**

I CORINTHIANS 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

I CORINTHIANS 3:21a Therefore let no man glory in men.

PERFECTION [56-0610]

Look at it. In the world today, where all this ism rises up. Watch on all the cults of non-meat eating, and a legalist that, "I've got to do so-and-so. If I don't speak with tongues; if I don't do this; if I don't shout; if I don't dance, there's something wrong with me." **That's legalism.** We are saved by grace through faith.

Nothing what you done. It's what He did. **He did what you couldn't do.** If you could've saved yourself, then He wouldn't have had to die. But He died in order to save you, where you could not save yourself.

That old God dishonoring proverb says, "*God helps those who can't help themselves,*" or "*God helps those who help themselves,*" they say. That's just vice versa. If you can help yourself, God expects you to do it. God helps those who cannot help themselves. And you can't help yourself to be saved, so God by His grace saved you.

GALATIANS 6:12-14

12. As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, **that they may glory in your flesh.**

14. But **God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,** by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

THE 10 VIRGINS AND THE 144,000 JEWS [60-1211M]

Jesus said, "*The Kingdom of God is like a man went and throwed a net into a sea, and when he pulled, he had turtles, snakes, frogs, serpents, everything else, but he had some fish, too.*"

That's what the Pentecostal message is doing, it's sweeping the earth; throwing it in and pull, we're getting turtles, crawfish, crawdads, tadpoles, waterdogs, helldivers, and everything else in there. But what it is, there's some fish in there, too. That's the ones that's the Master's. All right, to some of you legalist-believing brethren on this tape, would like to burn it: **When do they become fish?** When the net went over them? **They were fish in the beginning! That's right. Elected from the foundation of the world!**

PROVERBS 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but **love covereth all sins.**

PERFECTION [56-0610]

If a person done what was wrong, a sister or brother seen them doing wrong, they went to them. When they come in church, got them by the arm, went back here in a little room, said, "Brother, I seen you at the wrong place. **I'm not going to say it before the church, 'cause I love you.** You were wrong. Let's us pray now." See?

I PETER 4:8

8. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: **for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.**

I JOHN 4:18

18. **There is no fear in love;** but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

DIVINE LOVE AND SOVEREIGN GRACE [56-0814]

Now, there's only one way that God can do this. That's for you to **have love for Him, that'll cast out all the fear that you have that He won't do it,** and say, "Lord Jesus, I love You."

AN UNCERTAIN SOUND [61-0315] ...**when you love the Lord it takes all the fear out.**

DIVINE LOVE [57-0305] [NB note: re killer bull.]

This may seem foolish, but all the fear left; **when love come in, fear went away.**

II TIMOTHY 1:7

7. **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**