

# The Congregation Pt26

## *The Dangers Of Legalism Pt4*

### I CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

### REVELATION 2:2-4

2. I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3. And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. 4. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

REVELATION 2:13a I know thy works...

REVELATION 2:14a But I have a few things against thee...

### REVELATION 2:19-20a

19. I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. 20a. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee...

### MATTHEW 7:15-23

15. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

## ROMANS 7:18

18. *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

## HEBREWS 3:8-9

8. *Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:*  
9. *When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.*

## REVELATION 2:26

26. *And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:*

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I said, "What was the matter?"

She said, "Brother Branham, I tell you." Said, "I still love the Lord Jesus." But said, "I--  
**I find it so hard to serve Him.**"

Now, that is what I find around most Christian lives. Most, I hate to say it that way, but it's true. The **most people that can profess Christianity, they seem to have such a hard struggling time to hold on.** I believe it's because of a lack of correct teaching of--of the Bible. **There's no such a thing as holding on. He done the holding on. The whole Christian principle is based upon rest.** "Come unto Me all ye that labor and heavy laden. I will give you rest." **Don't have to worry and struggle. You're just resting; that's all.** Given rest, you enter in peace, that the whole thing's finished. "Them who He has called, He has justified. Those who He has justified, He has already glorified," Scripture quoting.

Notice. **It's nothing that you do, or what you can do. It's what God has done for you in Christ.** You could not come to...

Someone said, "Well, I'll tell you, I--I just quit this, and I went to seeking God."

No man never sought God. Man don't seek God; God seeks man. The very beginning at the garden of Eden, proved it. Adam ought to have been running through the garden, hollering, "Father, Father, where are You?"

But it was God going through the garden of Eden, saying, "Adam, Adam, where art thou?" And Adam hiding, that's the nature of man.

And Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except the Father draws Him first." **It's nothing you can do about it.** And Jesus didn't come to the Calvary to die for a haphazard purpose. He didn't come there and say, "Well, maybe, I'll die; it'll be so pathetic to some people will see that I died, and maybe they'll come and serve the Lord. Jesus come for a specific purpose to redeem those who God by foreknowledge elected to come to Him.

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And now, I find that people so struggle. Seems like, I meet people and they say, "It's just such a struggle." Have you seen people that way? And probably there's many setting right before me now, that has the ups-and-downs, the ins-and-outs. This day, they're all right. You meet them and, well, they--they love the Lord today, and tomorrow they--they're having such a struggle to hold on. The devil is so tempting them, and they're having such ups-and-downs. Then you meet somebody that's on the hilltop all the time. Brother, there's nothing bothers them at all.

Now, **there's bound to be something lacking somewhere**. God's no respect of person. Or **God doesn't respect persons. He wants all of His children to have the same**. He wouldn't... A righteous father wouldn't give one a dish of ice cream, without giving them all ice cream. Certainly. He wants you to live... And **I'm not talking about gifts; I'm talking about grace**.

Now... 'Course, some are called apostles, and prophets, and teachers, and evangelists, and church offices, and so forth. That's... God has placed in the church these things. And, but I'm talking about measures of grace, overcoming grace to each one. Then He elects you to your office. But then, **but in grace God has given to us all, freely as we have need, everything that we have need of**.

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...God's not One you have to beg, and cry, and plead, and fast, and starve, and everything like that to get to. Certainly not. I'm not degrading a fast.

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I believe in fasting. Certainly. But **when you fast, you don't hunger**. Jesus after He had got through fasting, the Bible said, He was hungry. **God puts a fast on you. You don't put it on yourself**.

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You don't do that. **You don't do things by works. It's by grace**.

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And **a man never knows what it is to live a victorious life, until he's completely overcome. Who? Himself!** That's the biggest enemy you got is yourself.

### **PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14**

13. *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before**,*

14. *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*