

Gospel Meeting

Hear the Word of God
proclaimed by Ross Conley
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October 24-27

“Thy Servant Is Listening”

Thursday (7:00 pm)
Are You Listening?

Friday (7:00 pm)
Take Heed What You Hear

Saturday (7:00 pm)
Take Heed How You Hear

Sunday (9:30 am)
Understand What You Hear

Sunday (10:30 am)
Believing What You Hear

Sunday (6:00 pm)
Being Not A Hearer Only

Sentence Sermons

- Some people think they can push themselves forward by patting themselves on the back.
- Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.
- We are all manufacturers; making good, making trouble, or making excuses.
- If ignorance is bliss, then why aren't more people happy?
- Right action springs from right thinking.
- Like Jesus, let's all go about doing good.

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Assembly Times
Sunday: 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 6 pm
Wednesday: 7 pm

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Guest Article: The Dreaded Charge of “Legalism”

Have you ever tried to show someone something in the Bible, only to be called a *legalist*? It and its variants (legalism, legalistic, legalistical, etc.) are man-made terms that many denominational preachers, who for the most part have quit studying their Bibles, use toward someone that actually preaches or teaches the Word of God. The intent is to make you feel guilty of spending too much time with your Bible and to stop doing it.

Nonplussed (surprised and confused - CHR), you could start by asking them where it (legalism, legalist, legalistic, etc.) is found in the Bible. With the exception of the NIV's Dynamic Equivalence (legalistic, *Phil. 3:6*) and the Living Bible's admitted Paraphrasing (legalists, *Gal. 2:12*), these words simply are *not* there. Then you could ask them what they think legalism means. If they say it refers to someone who

tries to follow the law perfectly, you can remind them that we are not under the Law of Moses any longer; but we *are* under law to Christ (*1 Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2*).

What is a law? Is it not a rule or set of rules to be obeyed or followed? Do we not have to follow Jesus' rules? If not or not all of them, which ones may we ignore? Certainly the Scriptures teach that only one Man kept the law perfectly (*Jn. 8:46; Heb. 4:15; 1 Jn. 3:4*). But does the fact that the rest of us do transgress the law and sin from time to time (*Rom. 3:23*) mean that we do not have to seek forgiveness and keep trying to follow the teachings of Christ?

Simply stated, does the man-made charge of “legalism” mean that we do not have to “come” to Jesus and “learn” of Him (*Matt. 11:28-29*), “follow” him (*Matt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 11:1*), “receive” and “continue” in His word (*John 12:48 & 8:31*),

nor “obey him” and “the gospel” (*Heb. 5:9; 1 Pet. 4:17*)? In other words, most people (including their preachers) do not realize the disastrous implications of the man-made charge of legalism. Jesus never condemned the Jewish rulers for following God's written word, but rather for their ignorance of the Scriptures, for their traditions, and for teaching for doctrines the commandments of men (*Matt. 22:29; 15:1-9, 13-14 & 23:1-6*). Far more dreadful than the charge of “legalism” is the day “when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (*11 Thess. 1:7-8*).

“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (*Lk. 6:46*).

- Ross Conley -