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A WEEKLY RESOURCE FOR AIDING THE APPLICATION OF THIS
SUNDAY'S SERMON AT REDEEMER TO YOUR LIFE.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What are hard-core legalists and recovering legalists and what's the difference?
2. Which of the [diagnostic statements](#) struck a nerve with you? Why?
3. How is a right understanding of God's work in salvation the first step in recovering from legalism?
4. Which of the right understandings of the gospel from verse 4 blows you away?

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Galatians 1:1-5
Pastor Tony Felich

Galatians 1:1-5 Paul, an apostle not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead **2** and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **5** to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Galatians asserts that only through the grace of God in Jesus Christ is a person enabled to escape the curse of sin and live a new life, not in bondage or license, but in a genuine freedom of mind and spirit through the power of God. - James M. Boice

- **The author and the audience** (1-2)
 - The Apostle Paul
 - The Galatians *and us*
- **From the very start Paul's letter to the Galatians addresses our chief needs** (3-5)
 - The need for grace and peace (3)
 - The need for a right understanding of the gospel (4)
 - +Christ's willingness to give Himself for us
 - +Christ's purpose in giving Himself for us
 - +The effect of Christ's giving Himself for us
 - +Origin of Christ's commitment to give Himself for us
 - The need for a God-centered life focus (5)



Redeemer Happenings

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YOU MIGHT BE A LEGALIST IF:

1. You think God's love for you depends on what you do.
2. You try hard to obey God and it irritates you that others think they can get away with avoiding the same level of dedication.
3. You feel guilty when you haven't prayed enough or spent enough quiet time with God.
4. You think God is predisposed to be angry with you because of your sin, your main goal is to try and gain God's favor by doing things that will please him.
5. Your sense of spiritual well-being is linked to a Christian leader or membership in your church
6. You tell your children not to do something in church or around other Christian families that you allow in your home.

DIAGNOSTIC STATEMENTS

YOU MIGHT BE A LEGALIST IF:

7. You believe the exterior choices a person makes in what they wear, hairstyle, piercings, tattoos, etc. is a clear indication of that person's character.
8. You sometimes worry that people might take advantage of grace if it's preached too much —people might think they can do anything they want.
9. After being around Christians for a while you feel drained —weary of putting up a false front.
10. When you miss a church service or activity you feel guilty.
11. You will likely get into heaven, even knowing you are far from perfect, but you have tried to be a basically good person and God will take that into account.
12. You know you're not perfect or even as good as you could be, but compared to others you know- you're pretty good!



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