

3. What is the “law” that Gentiles without Christ live under? (Romans 2:14-15)

4. There are some people who claim that there are no absolutes; for those people what is the thing that condemns them (Romans 14:15 with Romans 2:1)

5. How do these principles move behavior from legalism to grace?

6. What is the real problem? (Romans 3:9-11)
What does it mean that we are all under the power of sin?

7. What is the solution? (Romans 6:23) What does this gift bring us? (Galatians 3:26-29)

YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS

Galatians 3:15-29

“There is no more miserable human being than one in whom nothing is habitual but indecision”

William James

You can't have it both ways (Galatians 3:15-18)

Two implications of legalism

1. For those who feel superior

2. For those who feel inferior

Where we're going: God sees you differently than other people see you and even how you see yourself. (Galatians 3:28-29)

Principle #1: God didn't overrule grace with law.

If the Circumcision Party can convince the Galatians to be circumcised to be saved, it will prove that the Jewish agitators are essentially better than Gentiles.

If the law is inferior, why did God give it? (Galatians 3:19-25)

The law becomes a magnifying glass that demonstrates our need.

It controls us objectively because it declares that we are guilty.

It controls us subjectively because we feel the weight of our inadequacy.

It is a strict guardian that holds us in protective custody helping to keep us in line.

What you're turning back to (Galatians 3:26-29)

The overriding declaration: In Christ you are all children of God!

If "clothes make the man," in Christ we are in great shape (Galatians 3:27) From right living to wrong living – even though it looks so good!

The great news: in Christ God looks at us differently than others do; even differently than we look at ourselves.

Small Group Homework - Week of May 28, 2017

Getting to know you

Sunday's message culminated with some great verses – Galatians 3:28-29. Jim talked about how God views you versus how we or others view ourselves. Jot down a few thoughts about why it blesses you that God sees you differently.

Digging deeper – This week we're going to focus on trying to make yourself holy from a Gentile perspective.

1. For background: Romans 1 just finished talking about people who live really awful lives. They embrace sinful lifestyles and want more! They even cheer one another on. With that in mind, read Romans 2:1-4.

What's the problem with the Gentile legalist who condemns awful behavior?

How true do you think Paul's assertion in verse 1 really is? Why?
(Matt 5:27-28; Matt 5:21-22)

2. What are some of the things that we are prone to condemn in others that we are guilty of practicing ourselves? (If you need some help, check out Ephesians 5:25-32)