

# The Battle Against LEGALISM

(Galatians 5:1-6)

Sunday Evening August 15, 2010

*Paul is Defending the Gospel in Galatians against Legalism*

## Legalism Self-Exam: Yes or No

*Am I Self-Sufficient?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Am I Self-Serving?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Am I Shallow?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Am I Law-Bound?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Am I Hypersensitive?* \_\_\_\_\_

From *Radio Bible Class*

1. In Chapters 1-2, Paul Responds to Legalism's Criticism against him.
2. In Chapters 3-4, Paul Responds to Legalism's Criticism against Justification by Faith.
- 3. In Chapters 5-6, Paul Responds to Legalism's Criticism of Sanctification by Faith.**

## *How Can I Be Spiritual?*

### **I. Not by Legalism (5:1-12)**

#### ***A. The Explanation (5:1-6)***

1. Legalism makes Christ of none effect (5:1-2) "You"
2. Legalism is humanly impossible (5:3)
3. Legalism rejects God's grace (5:4-6)

*a) Man's way of works (5:4)*

*b) God's way of Grace (5:5-6) "We"*

- 1) Believers depend on the Holy Spirit for salvation and sanctification (5:5a)
- 2) Believers depend on faith for salvation and sanctification (5:5b)
- 3) Believers depend on love to produces works (5:6)

#### ***B. The Illustrations (5:7-12) "who" "he" "they"***