

The Battle Against Legalism Continued

(Galatians 5:7-15)

Sunday Evening August 22, 2010

Paul is Defending the Gospel in Galatians against Legalism

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

How Can I Be Spiritual?

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

A. The Explanation (5:1-6) "you"

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

1. Illustration from athletics (5:7-8)
2. Illustration from cooking (5:9-10)
3. Illustration from circumcision (5:11-12) "they"

II. Not by License (5:13)

A. Salvation gives us liberty to please God (5:1)

B. Salvation does not give us liberty to please the "flesh" (5:13)

III. But by Holy Spirit Produced Love (5:13c-26)

A. Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill the essence of the Law (5:13c-15)

1. *True spirituality is serving others (5:13c) (Don't be a slave to sin but others)*
2. *True spirituality fulfills the Law (5:14)*
"We are Lawless (not under the Mosaic Law) but we are not lawless (we are under the law of Christ in 6:2)"
3. *True spirituality is not critical (5:15)*