

Message Notes

Hope Ticks on Spirit-filled people

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – “Fertile Ground for Self-Righteousness”

Theological Integrity & Missional Living

Remind you of anyone?

John 5:16-18, 33-47

The danger of religion

This week: How to be a follower of Jesus without being religious:
A Spirit Filled Life
A look at Galatians 5

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Religion vrs. Jesus

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Application – “Daily Repentance from Religion”

Galatians 5

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Hope's Sweet Spot



Fertile Ground for Self-Righteousness

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John 5:16-18, 33-40

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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³³ “You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. ³⁵ John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

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³⁶ “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me.

³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. ³⁹ You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

**How to be an authentic follower of Jesus
without letting self-righteousness and
religion ruin it**





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The Spirit-filled Life

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Ephesians 6:17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,
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Galatians 1:6-10

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — ⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! ⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

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¹⁰ Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

The Context

Galatians 6:11-14

¹¹See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! ¹²Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Angry
Letter
Man



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Galatians 5:2-6

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1 Corinthians 7:19

Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts.

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The Difficult Ride of the Christian Life



Legalism

Slippery Slope

License



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Life in the Flesh

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

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