



Galatians 5:1-26

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Sermon 7: Don't U-Turn to Legalism or Libertinism

Don't U-Turn to a life of LEGALISM. – Galatians 5:1–12 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. **2** Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. **3** And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. **4** You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. **5** For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. **6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love. **7** You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? **8** This persuasion does not *come* from Him who calls you. **9** A little leaven leavens the whole lump. **10** I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is. **11** And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. **12** I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off!

❖ Legalism is thinking your good works adds anything to salvation by faith alone in Jesus.

Don't U-Turn to a life of LIBERTINISM. – Galatians 5:13–21 **13** For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” **15** But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! **16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. **19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

❖ Libertinism is thinking God is okay with you living any way you want to live in this world.

U-Turn to a life with the LORD. – Galatians 5:22–26 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **24** And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26** Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

❖ Living for the Lord is displaying the characteristics of Christ by the power of Christ's Spirit.