

*Luke 22:1–6 - ¹ Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover.
² And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.
³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴ He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵ And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶ So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.*

Nicholas Batzig - Legalism is, by definition, an attempt to add anything to the finished work of Christ.

Jesus rejects our attempts to work for our righteousness.

Exodus 30:19 - with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet.

Exodus 40:12 - Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall wash them with water.

Four truths about legalism:

1. Legalism loves comparison

Luke 18:9–12 - ⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.’ ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

2. Legalism distances itself from Yahweh

Warren Wiersbe – We must constantly beware lest tradition take the place of truth. It does us good to examine our church in the light of God’s Word and be courageous enough to make changes.

3. Legalism establishes extra-biblical standards

4. Legalism manipulates God’s word

Jesus calls us to trust in His finished work for our righteousness.

Sin has a root on the inside.

Jeremiah 17:9 - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Sin reveals its fruit on the outside.

The Book of Mark

#24 – All these evil things come from within

Mark 7:1-23

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John 3:3 - Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Ezekiel 36:26 - And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Scripture Reading: *Colossians 2:6-15*