

Luke Lesson 50 Handout



Legalism: strict, literal, or excessive conformity to the law or to a religious or moral code

Matthew 23:1–7 (NASB95)

¹ Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples, ² saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses;

³ therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say *things* and do not do *them*.

4 “They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with *so much as* a finger.

5 “But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels of *their garments*.

6 “They love the place of honor at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues, ⁷ and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men.



Luke 7:36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to dine with him, and He went into the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table.

³⁷And behold, a woman of the town who was an especially wicked sinner, when she learned that He was reclining at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment (perfume).

³⁸And standing behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with [her] tears; and she wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed His feet [affectionately] and anointed them with the ointment (perfume).

³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw it, he said to himself, If this Man were a prophet, He would surely know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him—for she is a notorious sinner (a social outcast, devoted to sin).

⁴⁰And Jesus, replying, said to him, Simon, I have something to say to you. And he answered, Teacher, say it.

⁴¹A certain lender of money [at interest] had two debtors: one owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

⁴²When they had no means of paying, he freely forgave them both. Now which of them will love him more?

⁴³Simon answered, The one, I take it, for whom he forgave and cancelled more. And Jesus said to him, You have decided correctly.

⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? When I came into your house, you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

⁴⁵You gave Me no kiss, but she from the moment I came in has not ceased [intermittently] to kiss My feet tenderly and caressingly.

⁴⁶You did not anoint My head with [cheap, ordinary] oil, but she has anointed My feet with [costly, rare] perfume.

⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, many [as they are], are forgiven her—because she has loved much. But he who is forgiven little loves little.

⁴⁸And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven!

⁴⁹Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, Who is this Who even forgives sins?

⁵⁰But Jesus said to the woman, Your faith has saved you; go (enter) into peace [in freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin.

Colossians 1:13 (NASB95)

¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

Revelation 5:9 (AMP)

⁹ And [now] they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals that are on it, for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Romans 3:23 (ESV)

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Colossians 1:21–22 (NASB95)

²¹ And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, ²² yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

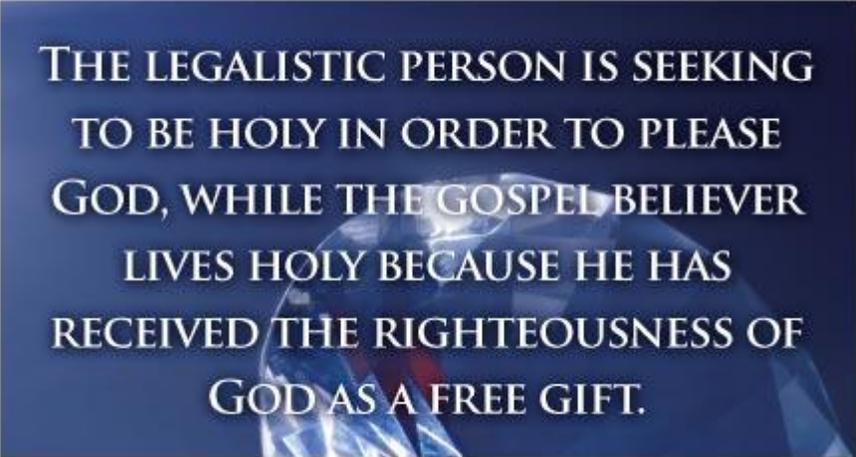
2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB95)

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Philippians 3:4–11 (NASB95)

⁴ although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

⁷ But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,



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GOD AS A FREE GIFT.

Romans 6:1–14 (NASB95)

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

¹⁴ For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.