

Dual Threats

11:37-12:3

Getting Started

- ❖ How has legalism impacted you in your life, if at all?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. The Characteristics of Legalistic Hypocrisy (v.37-52)
2. The Antidote to Legalistic Hypocrisy (v.40-41)

Takeaway Truth: Pay attention to your heart! The remedy to legalistic hypocrisy is a heart consumed with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Exploring the Text

- ❖ Read the sermon text and answer the following:
 - Brainstorm as a group and create a definition and description of legalism.
 - What characteristics of legalistic hypocrisy do you see in the passage?
 - What does Jesus mean in verses 40-41 and why is this an “antidote” to legalistic hypocrisy?
 - According to Jesus, why is legalistic hypocrisy so dangerous? Look carefully through the entire passage and identify the dangers.

Digging Deeper

- ❖ How do people throw out the “hypocrite” label incorrectly?
- ❖ Why were the Pharisees and Scribes so concerned with the Law that they created so many rules and regulations? What was their “end-game”?

Apply It

- ❖ Do you see any characteristics of legalistic hypocrisy in your life? If so, which ones?
- ❖ What would it look like in your life for you to be consumed with the gospel?

WORSHIP RESOURCE

April 28, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME

Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Chris Quilala, 2016

There were walls between us, by the cross you came and broke them
down, you broke them down. There were chains around us
By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave, you called me into the light,
You called my name and then my heart came alive.

*Your love is greater, your love is stronger,
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.*

Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming back to life,
I'm back to life. Hear the song awaken,
All creation singing we're alive, 'cause you're alive.

And what a love we've found, death can't hold us down
We shout it out, we're alive 'cause your alive.

ALL SUFFICIENT MERIT

Words and Music by Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler, and Shane Barnard, 2023

All sufficient merit shining like the sun,
a fortune I inherit by no work I have done.
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

In love He condescended, eternal now in time,
a life without a blemish, the Maker made to die.
The law could never save us; our lawlessness had won.
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally won.

*It is done, it is finished. No more debt I owe.
Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own.*

I lay down my garments, any empty boast.
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host.
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white.
No more fear of judgment; His righteousness is mine.

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death.
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.
When I stand accepted before the throne of God.
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross.
Yes, I'll thank You for the cross.

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

Words and Music by David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan, 2012

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore every heart that is broken.

And great are You, Lord.

*It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to You only.*

And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
great are You, Lord (3x)

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

Words and Music by Robert Lowry, 1876

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon, this I see; nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone; nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

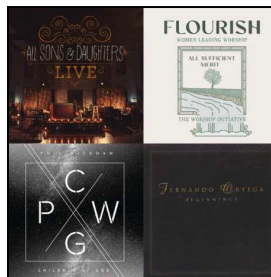
This is all my hope and peace; nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 93; Leviticus 8:1-36; Hebrews 12:1-14; Luke 4:16-30
MONDAY | Ps. 97; Leviticus 16:1-19; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 6:1-18
TUESDAY | Ps. 98; Leviticus 16:20-34; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 9; Leviticus 19:1-8; 1 Thess. 5:12-28; Matt. 6:19-24
THURSDAY | Ps. 68; Leviticus 19:26-37; 2 Thess. 1:1-12; Matt. 6:25-34
FRIDAY | Ps. 96; Leviticus 23:1-22; 2 Thess. 2:1-17; Matt. 7:1-12
SATURDAY | Ps. 92; Leviticus 23:23-44; 2 Thess. 3:1-18; Matt. 7:13-21

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Lord God, you are the vine and we are the branches; teach us to abide in you throughout each new day. Show us how to love our neighbors, and give us a hunger for your Word. Prune all that leads us away from you and the areas of our lives that do not bear fruit. Guide us, we pray, through the abiding power and witness of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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