

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. What are some specific examples of legalism or works-based religion that we may encounter in our modern context? How can we guard against falling into these traps?
2. How does rejoicing in the Lord practically help us overcome grumbling, fear, and discouragement in difficult circumstances? What are some practical ways we can cultivate a lifestyle of rejoicing?
3. The sermon mentions several forms of legalism like principles-centered legalism, prohibiting what God allows, and externalism. Can you identify other subtle ways legalism may manifest in our personal lives or church communities?
4. How would you explain the difference between putting confidence in the flesh (our own efforts/accomplishments) versus finding our righteousness and identity in Christ alone? Provide some biblical examples illustrating this contrast.
5. Reflect on areas where you may still be tempted to put confidence in your own strength, wisdom or achievements rather than fully relying on Christ's finished work. What spiritual disciplines or practices can help renew your mind in the gospel of grace?



No Confidence in the Flesh
Philippians 3:1-4
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Philippians 3:1-4

Matthew 15:18

Luke 6:43-45

The Dangers of Legalism
Philippians 3:2

Galatians 1:6-9



Principles-centered legalism

The True Circumcision
Philippians 3:3

Prohibiting what God hasn't prohibited

Romans 2:29

Practical legalism

1 Corinthians 1:30

Pulpit legalism

Philippians 3:4b

Externalism

Jeremiah 17:5-6

Separating the letter from the spirit of the law

Romans 8:8

Adding man-made rules

Isaiah 31:1-3

Mark 7:8-9

Ephesians 2:8-9