

Legalism, License and Christian Liberty

What is Legalism?

Legalism is anything we **do or don't do to earn favor with God** that **we** or **others** insist or **impress upon us**. This can either be the **favor of justification** in **salvation** or a **lesser form of favor** in regard to **God's will for daily living** and **sanctification**. **Legalism** is a sinful way of either **self-righteously exalting self** or controlling and **demeaning others**.

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What is License?

License is an **abuse** of the **free grace** of God in order to **indulge** the **sinful nature**.

Liberty – Called to be Free

As Christians we are **free** to do what we want in life, provided that we **do not transgress** God's **clearly defined will** in **Scripture**. We are free to **enjoy God** and all the **good things** in the world He has given (1 Tim 6:17), provided that we **do not sin** against **God** in our freedom.

Suffice to say that there is **liberty to live how you want**, provided that you;

- 3) fulfill what Scripture requires or prescribes
- 4) do not violate what Scripture forbids.