

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: What's one guilty pleasure you enjoy too much to give up?

OVERVIEW: In Galatians 5:1-15, the apostle Paul continues to warn against performance-based religion, while also adding a new warning. He focuses on two mistakes every Christian must avoid: Legalism, and libertinism. In this discussion we will go deeper with the dangers of these mistakes, and talk about how to avoid them.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Imagine you could write a letter to a group of new believers, warning them about the common mistakes Christians make? What is one mistake you would warn them about?
3. What is a big mistake that you have made in your journey as a Christian?
4. Which mistake is more destructive — legalism or libertinism? Explain.
5. Read 1 John 2:3-6.
 - a. What is the evidence that a person has been saved?
 - b. What does it mean "in him the love of God is made complete" (v. 5)?

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- c. How should Christians "walk" (v. 6)?
 - d. What does this passage say about the mistake of libertinism?
 - e. What does this passage teach about God?
 - f. What is hard to understand about this passage?
 - g. Is there any part of this passage that seems to contradict what the Bible says elsewhere?
6. Refer to Sunday's sermon.
- a. Define legalism and libertinism.
 - b. What do these two mistakes have in common?
 - c. How can Christians avoid these mistakes?

The Last Word: "The sign of genuine, saving faith is a passionate commitment to the fame of God, the people of God, and the mission of God." J. D. Greear

