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Colossians 2:14-23

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LEGALISM
The Attitude That You Can Improve Your Standing With God by What You Do

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THE LEGALISM LIE
You Are Saved by Doing

Colossians 2:14-17

¹⁴ He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him. ¹⁶ Therefore, don't let anyone judge you in regard to food and drink or in the matter of a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of what was to come; the substance is Christ.

Acts 16:31 Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved!

Believing Is Not Doing: It Is Simply Trusting

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THE GRACE TRUTH
Jesus Has Already Done Everything Necessary for Your Salvation

John 6:44
No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.

John 3:3
You must be born again.

John 3:8
The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

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THE LEGALISM LIE
You Must Be Like Me

Colossians 2:18-19

¹⁸ Let no one condemn you by delighting in ascetic practices and the worship of angels, claiming access to a visionary realm. Such people are inflated by empty notions of their unspiritual mind. ¹⁹ He doesn't hold on to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with growth from God.

THE GRACE TRUTH
Jesus Delights in Diversity

1 Corinthians 12

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THE LEGALISM LIE
You Have to Keep My Rules

Colossians 2:20-23

²⁰ If you died with Christ to the elements of this world, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations: ²¹ "Don't handle, don't taste, don't touch"? ²² All these regulations refer to what is destined to perish by being used up; they are human commands and doctrines. ²³ Although these have a reputation for wisdom by promoting self-made religion, false humility, and severe treatment of the body, they are not of any value in curbing self-indulgence.

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THE GRACE TRUTH
You Want to Obey Jesus Because You Are Loved

Matthew 27:37-39

37 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and most important command. 39 The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

The Difference Between Legalism and Grace Is in the Motive Behind Your Obedience

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John 14:21

The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him.

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Q: How Does Jesus Feel About You Today?

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Q: How Does Jesus Feel About You Today?

A: HE IS PASSIONATELY IN LOVE WITH ME

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