

Legalism, License and Christian Liberty Part 2

Romans 7:4-6 - 4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to **die to the Law through the body of Christ**, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might **bear fruit for God**. 5 For **while we were in the flesh**, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to **bear fruit for death**. 6 **But now** we have been **released from the Law**, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we **serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter**. NASB

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 - 7 Clean out the **old** leaven, that you may be a **new** lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For **Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed**. 8 **Let us therefore celebrate the feast, not with old leaven**, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. NASB

Colossians 2:16-17 - 16 Therefore **let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day** — 17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but **the substance belongs to Christ**. NASB

Romans 13:8-10 - 8 Owe nothing to anyone except to **love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law**. 9 For this, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You

shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 **Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.**

Galatians 5:13-24 - 13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 **For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** 15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another. 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.** NASB

Romans 13:11-14 - 11 And this do, **knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.** 12 **The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand.** Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave properly as in the day, **not** in carousing and drunkenness, **not** in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, **not** in strife and jealousy. 14 But **put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh** in regard to its lusts.

Romans 14:1-4 - 1 Now **accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.** 2 One man has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only. 3 **Let not him who eats regard with contempt him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats, for God has accepted him.** 4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:5-6 - 5 **One man regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind.** 6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God. NASB

Galatians 6:13-15 - 13 **For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves,** but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But may it never be that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 **For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.** NASB

Colossians 2:18-23 - 18 **Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels**, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God. 20 If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, **why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as,** 21 **"Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!"** 22 **(which all refer to things destined to perish with the using) — in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?** 23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence. NASB

1 Corinthians 8:4-13 - 4 Therefore **concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world**, and that there is no God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, 6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. 7 **However not all men have this knowledge**; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and **their conscience being weak is defiled**. 8 **But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat.** 9 **But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.** 10 For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? 11 For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. 12 **And thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.** 13 Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to stumble. NASB