

WHAT REALLY COUNTS

Radically Different – Part 2 of 5

KEY OBSERVATION #1: The Old Model always has these things:

- Sacred PLACE
- Sacred TEXT
- Sacred MEN

Jesus Launched a:

- Radically different ARRANGEMENT with God
- Radically different STANDARD of behavior
- Radically different MOVEMENT or gathering
- Radically new PERSEPECTIVE on Old Testament law

KEY TRUTH #1: Our CONSCIENCE often determines RELIGIOUS realities whether they reflect reality or not.

“1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. 2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. 3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. 6 For in Christ, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value.” Galatians 5:1-4, 6a

KEY OBSERVATION #2: Most of the things that people resist about the church are the very things the church should have RESISTED.

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” Galatians 5:6b

KEY TRUTH #2: If someone will DIE for you, they are FOR you.

“7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? 9 A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough. 12 As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!” Galatians 5:7,9,12

“13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh, rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Galatians 5:13-14