

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything about the sermon today you'd like to discuss further? Anything that stuck out to you or that you wanted clarification on?
2. The false teachers had created a nice list of "do's and don'ts" if a Christian wanted to have a right relationship with God. Do we see this in our Christian subculture today? How so? What do you think the Apostle Paul would say?
3. Paul says that man-made moralistic rules have no value in restraining the indulgences of the flesh. Have you found this to be true? How so? If these aren't effective, what is the right solution for restraining sinful passions?
4. What's at the heart of legalism? Why do you think it's so attractive to some? How do we distinguish legalism from Gospel-motivated obedience?
5. What's the goal of legalism? What does it try to accomplish? What are some of the most common types of legalism we see today?
6. What does Paul mean when he says that "with Christ believers have died to the elemental spirits of this world?" How would this translate into our context today?
7. Paul's main problem with the false teachers was that their message led believers away from Christ who is the "Head." Think about that image. The Church is a body, Christ is the Head. Do we see teaching today that causes the same problem? How does the local church remain submitted to Jesus as the Head?
8. What other truths and application can we draw from the analogy of the church being a body with Christ as the Head?
9. In light of today's message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take today so that you apply the Word to your life? How can we help?