

FALLING AWAY FROM THE FAITH (Part #4)

Lesson Text: (Heb.3:12) “But the Spirit explicitly says that in latter times some will fall away (aphistemi/f.m.ind.3pl) from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.”

This is the fourth lesson in a current series entitled, “Falling Away from the Faith”.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seven reasons</u> why the Levitical Law [legalistic works] is so dangerous to the Doctrine of Grace in the Christian church today</p>
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1st Legalistic works nullify Grace

(Rom.11:60) “But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.” (Rom.4:4-5; Gal.2:21).

2nd Legalistic works is a yoke of slavery

(Gal.5:1-2) “It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. Behold I, Paul say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.” (Gal.2:21; Acts 15:1, 5)

3rd Under legalistic works, God obligates you to keep the WHOLE Law and not just the ones you like!

(Gal.5:3) “And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.” (Ex.19-31)

4th Under legalistic works, stumbling in one point makes you guilty of ALL the Law

(James 2:10) “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.”

5th Jesus and Paul called Pharisaical legalistic works leaven that leavens the whole lump.

(Matt.16:11) “How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” (Matt.16:5-12; Acts 15:5)

(Gal.5:9) “A little leaven leavens the whole lump.”

6th God designed the Law to identify sin.

(Rom.3:20) “Because by the works of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.” (Gal.2:16; Acts 13:39)

7th **Paul explains importance of shadow Christology of the Levitical Law.**

(Gal.3:24-25) “Therefore **the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ**, so that we may be **justified by faith**. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.” (Heb.10:1-4, 10, 18-20)

NEVER COMPROMISE GRACE IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES OF GRACE DOCTRINES.

- **Salvation by Grace** (1 cor.15:3-4; Rom.1;16; Eph.2:8-9)
- **Spirituality by Grace** (Gal.3:1-3; 1 Cor.3:1-3; Gal.5:16-17)
- **Spiritual growth by Grace** (2 Pet.3:17-18; Col.1:9-14; Eph.4:11-16)