

Let Us Know You're Here

New or regular, we'd love to know you're here today. You can also share a prayer request so our team can pray for you this week.



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New to Emmanuel?



E:Connect is a short class designed to help you learn who we are, what we believe, and how to get connected.

Baptism

Baptism is a public declaration of faith for those who have placed their faith in Jesus. Come celebrate with us on March 8th.



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Stay Connected



Our **E:Note** email helps you stay connected beyond the weekend with updates, stories, and next steps from around Emmanuel.

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Feb. 21 & 22, 2026 | Walking by the Spirit - 1 | Galatians 5:2-12 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

A SHARP DISTINCTION

1. LEGALISM is the belief that salvation comes from obeying rules rather than God's grace through faith in Jesus.
2. It's dangerous to CONFUSE an external action with the internal reality.
3. If you intend to justify yourself before God by rule-keeping you've got THREE huge problems.

*Galatians 5:2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of **no advantage** to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are **severed** from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have **fallen away** from grace.*

- a. You'll get no HELP (ὠφελέω // o-phe-LE-o) from Jesus.
- b. You are RELEASED (καταργέω // ka-tar-GE-o) from Jesus.
- c. You are EXCLUDED (ἐκπίπτω // ek-PIP-to) from God's favor.

Galatians 5:5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

4. True believers PERSEVERE by trusting the promise.

*Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only **faith working through love**.*

5. Don't confuse the FRUIT with the ROOT.

Ask Yourself

If God were to ask me why He should allow me into Heaven, what would I say?

A CUTTING DEMOTION

*Galatians 5:7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 **I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view**, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. 11 But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!*

1. Legalism isn't compatible with GOD.
2. Legalism isn't compatible with God's PEOPLE.
3. Legalism isn't compatible with God's MESSENGERS.

Ask Yourself

If I were to take God's attitude toward legalism seriously, what is one thing that I would do differently?

Ask the Lord

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your relentless love for us.

Jesus, thank You for laying down Your life and making a way for us to find life through You. Holy Spirit, thank You for the transformation You are working to accomplish in us. God, help us to stand firm in gospel freedom.