

By their behavior, legalists essentially are saying this: “I live the Christian life by the rules—rules that I establish for myself as well as those I expect others to abide by.” They develop specific requirements of behavior beyond what the Bible teaches, and they make observance of those requirements the means by which they judge the acceptability of others in the church.

We’ve all become pretty adept at establishing these rules and standards that we find personally achievable. Legalism therefore provides us with a way to avoid acknowledging our deficiencies and our inabilities. That’s enough right there to make it attractive to us. But it’s also appealing to us in how it puffs us up, giving us the illusion (as we’ve seen) that *we can do it*—we can generate our own meaning, our own purpose, our own security, and all our other inmost needs. It’s what Michael Horton pinpoints as “the default setting of the human heart: the religion of self-salvation.”

Tullian Tchividjian, *Jesus + Nothing = Everything*

Order of Worship
May 12, 2013
Mother’s Day

Prelude

SMC Music Team

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow’r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty pow’r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne’er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might, lo, all is just and all is right,
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need, Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank Him, thank our God with me,
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their Refuge and their Rock, their Peace and their Salvation.
As with a mother’s tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band,
To God all praise and glory!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not walked humbly with You, loving justice and mercy. We beseech You, O God, to forgive what we have done, to help us to change our ways, and by Your mercy direct our steps in Your way. Then we shall be able to walk in the way of Your commandments, and do the things that are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

He Is Faithful

If we confess our sins, He is faithful;
If we confess our sins, He is just.
If we confess our sins, He is faithful;
He is faithful, He is faithful to forgive.

So call upon the Lord, He is faithful;
So call upon the Lord, He is just.
*So call upon the Lord, He is faithful;
He is faithful, He is faithful to forgive.

*(*repeat at asterisk)*

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Deep, Deep Love

Your deep, deep love washes over me.
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Your deep, deep love cleanses all my sins.
Your deep, deep love brings a peace within.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Chorus: Lord, my heart is filled with praises,
For Your goodness makes me sing.
Jesus, I'm forever grateful,
For Your love has done a work in me.

It's Your deep, deep love washes over me.
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Oh yes, it draws me to Your deep, deep love.
Oh yes, it draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Take Our Lives

Worship leader: You have called us chosen, a royal priesthood,
A holy nation, and we belong to You.

Congregation: You have called us chosen, a royal priesthood,
A holy nation, and we belong to You. *(chorus)*

Worship Leader: You have shown us mercy, You have redeemed us,
Our hearts cry, "Father, we belong to You." ↗

Deepening Our Commitment

Tim Posey

Congregation: You have shown us mercy, You have redeemed us,
Our hearts cry, “Father, we belong to You.” (*chorus*)

Chorus: Take our lives as a sacrifice. Shine in us Your holy light.
Purify our hearts’ desire, be to us a consuming fire.

(last time repeat chorus)

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God’s Word

(Children ages 4–6 may be dismissed for Children’s Church during song)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Preaching of the Word

Series: Colossians: The Supremacy of Christ
“Spiritual Viruses” Colossians 2:16–19
Theme: The Content of False Teaching and the Antidote

Introduction:

I. A Warning Against Legalism (v. 16)

II. A Warning Against Mysticism (v. 18)

III. The Antidote to Both (vv. 17, 19)

Conclusion:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee all in all.

We taste of Thee, O living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

Communion *(Please note that the inner ring is juice and the outer rings are wine)*

Benediction