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THE DANGERS OF LEGALISM

In our lesson text, Paul issued a warning to the Galatian believers of five dangers of legalism in the Christian

Way of Life (CWL). It is interesting that a legalist uses these same passages to support their doctrine of justification by law.	
1.	(Gal.5:1) Do not be subject (me enecho/p.m.impv.2pl) again (palln) [reverting] to a yoke of slavery.
2.	(Gal.5:2) If (3cc) [True] you receive circumcision (peritemno/ p.m.subj.2pl), Christ will be of no benefit (oudeis opheleo/ f.a.ind.3ps) to you.
3.	(Gal.5:3) And I testify (marturomai/p.m.ind.1ps) again (palin) to every man who receives circumcision, that (hoti) he is under obligation (opheiletes) [debtor] to keep (poieo/a.a.infin) the whole law.
4.	(Gal.5:4) You have been severed (katargeo/ a.p.ind.2pl) from (apo+abl.of separation) Christ, you who (hostis/ relative pronoun) are seeking to be justified (dikaioo/ p.p.ind.2pl) by law; you have fallen from (ekpipto/ a.a.ind.2pl) grace (tes charis).
5.	(Gal.5:7-8) You were running well (trecho/ impf.a.ind.2pl/ kalos) who hindered (egkopto/ a.a.ind.2pl) you from obeying (peitho/ p.m.infin) the truth? This persuasion (he peismone) did not (ouk) come from (ek+abl.of source) Him who calls (tou kaleo/ p.a.ptc.gsm) you.
6.	(Gal.5:9-10) A little leaven leavens (zumoo/ p.p.ind.3ps) the whole lump of dough. I have confidence in

you in the Lord, that (hoti) you will adopt no other view (phroneo/f.a.ind.2pl/oudeis allos); but the one who is disturbing (tarasso/p.a.ptc.nsm) you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.