

# *Crushing the Virus*

## Galatians Series – Part 4

Scripture text – Galatians 3:1-14

### Introduction

- COVID isn't the virus we need to be most concerned about; instead, the more insidious virus is that of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Review

1. About a year after Paul left Galatia, the churches he started were infiltrated by “Judaizers.” They insisted that Gentile Christians also convert to \_\_\_\_\_ and obey the law of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Amazingly, the believers in Galatia were \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Upon hearing this, Paul went \_\_\_\_\_.

### Paul's Argument

- The heart of the matter is that right standing with God (i.e., his acceptance and favor) is based solely on \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and not on \_\_\_\_\_ to any rules, commands or laws.
- In defending his argument, Paul appeals to 2 things:
  1. He appeals to \_\_\_\_\_
    - The proof of God's acceptance is the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - We receive the Holy Spirit at the moment we \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. He appeals to a biblical \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Abraham was declared \_\_\_\_\_ on the basis of his \_\_\_\_\_.

### Understanding Legalism

- “Legalism” is the attempt to be right with God by means of adherence to a particular code of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A person or church infected with legalism will typically . . .

1. Disregard the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes and motives in favor of \_\_\_\_\_ compliance to certain rules or behaviors.
2. Minimize if not ignore the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit in living a godly life and will instead depend on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Fluctuate between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Pick-n-choose the rules or commands they will ascribe to.

### The Dangers of Legalism

1. Legalism makes us an \_\_\_\_\_ church & people.
2. Legalism puts you under a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Anything less than \_\_\_\_\_ reliance on Christ's work is a \_\_\_\_\_ rejection of his work.
  - What you're rejecting is the \_\_\_\_\_ of his work (i.e., it wasn't enough).

### So, How Do We Crush the Virus?

- Here's the point: We don't \_\_\_\_\_ anything, but rather trust in the One who \_\_\_\_\_ for us.