



April 28, 2013

Pastor Chris Hill

Lawless

The Basis of All Religions

- You ought to... You don't ...You're toast.

¹⁵ I **do** not understand what I **do**. For what I want to **do** I **do** not **do**, but what I hate I **do**. ¹⁶ And if I **do** what I **do** not want to **do** I agree that the **law** is good.

Romans 7:15-16 (NIV11)

²⁴ What a **wretched** man I am! **Who** will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me **through** Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:24-25 (NIV11)

Religion vs. Relationship

1. Religion

³ For what the **law** was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, **God** did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,

Romans 8:3 (NIV11)

- The law can't help us be a better _____
- The law givez us a grade - _____
- Approaching God through the law is our _____.
But it eventually leads to _____.

2. Relationship

¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, **because** you are not under the **law**, but under **grace**.

Romans 6:14 (NIV11)

- Living _____

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who **abide** in me and I in them bear much **fruit**, because apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:5 (NRSV)

- Not a _____ follower but a _____ abider

¹⁶ So I say, **walk** by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the **desires** of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh **desires** what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in **conflict** with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are **led** by the Spirit, you are not under the **law**. ¹⁹ The **acts** of the flesh are obvious:
Galatians 5:16-19 (NIV11)

²² But the **fruit** of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV11)

- An _____ relationship with Jesus produces _____ in our lives.

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
Galatians 5:24-25 (NIV11)

Keeping in Step

- A _____ this new identity
- E _____ this new approach
- R _____ to interact with God on the basis of law.

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Give my life to Jesus so that I can begin to live a live where sin is not my master.
- Accept my new identity in Christ and embrace this new approach to living in relationship not by religion.
- To refuse to interact with God on the basis of law but under the basis of grace.
- Meditate on and or memorize John 15:5