



Satan's Lie:

Legalism

Genesis 3; Matthew 23

- Pride is it's root
- Division is its fruit

A danger to be aware of:

- Legalism can lead to license

God's Truth:

Grace and Faith

Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 5:20-21;7-8; Galatians 2:20-21; 3:10-14

- Jesus is its root
- Transformation is its fruit

Jesus Invitation and my response:

Colossians 2:6-23; Mark 8:31-38

- Give up
Isaiah 29:13
- Take up
- Follow Jesus

Questions/Topics for this week:

1. How have you personally grappled with the concept of earning salvation or God's favor in the past? Share any experiences or realizations.
2. Reflect on the biblical passages shared about God's grace and the transformative power it brings. How does understanding salvation as a gift impact your perspective on faith and obedience?
3. Explore the invitation proposed in the sermon. How can you actively apply the principles of giving up your own ways, taking up your cross daily, and following Jesus in your life this week? Share practical steps and encourage one another in this transformative journey.

Be Intentional:

Commit as a group to a "*Grace Challenge*" for the upcoming week. Encourage each member to identify and surrender one legalistic mindset they struggle with. Throughout the week, share your experiences, victories, and challenges in a group chat or during your next meeting, fostering a supportive environment for embracing God's grace and breaking free from legalism.

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.