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SET APART

LEGALISM
OR
LIBERTY?

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MESSAGE NOTES

Would you give your life to defend that Jesus is the only way to God? What about your view on baptism? What about your view on whether or not Christians can smoke? You see, there is a big difference between issues that are primary and issues that are secondary. How do we handle these secondary issues?

LEGALISM

Legalism is when we impose commandments on others that God never commanded. It's like adding stop signs randomly on the road.

"And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.'" – Acts 15:1

LIBERTINISM

Libertinism is when we remove commandments that God had indeed commanded. It's like taking away stop signs randomly on the road.

"All things are lawful for me', but not all things are helpful; 'all things are lawful for me', but not all things edify.'" – 1 Cor. 10:23

WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE TRUTH?

1st – Feel good about ourselves when comparing with others

"Knowledge puffs up" – 1 Cor. 8:1

- If we just gain knowledge about right and wrong, and it never reaches our heart, we are in danger of becoming proud and self-righteous.

2nd – Build the Kingdom of God in love

"But love edifies." – 1 Cor. 8:1

- If the truth permeates our hearts, we will want to build others up to grow closer to God

CONCLUSION

- Are you building others up with the truth you have received? Are you taking away or adding to the commandments of God? May we seek to build one another up on love. May we love our God and fellow brethren!