

# Galatians

## *Celebrating Freedom in Christ* *“The Lethal Slide into Legalism”*

**INTRO:** *Paul continues the theological section of his letter focusing on the inability of human effort to **gain, improve, or ensure** God’s acceptance.*

**I. Believers are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_.** *Good works are used in our sanctification but **must be performed in faith**, believing that God will use them to bring about the Christian’s Christlikeness.*

**II. People are tempted to use \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ themselves before \_\_\_\_\_.** *Believers can be misled by false teachers who prioritize principles over people.*

**THE PERFORMANCE STANDARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Stay free of the Performance Standard because it can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ (4:8-20).** *This can happen in three easy steps.*

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:8-11).** *This is a pattern of attitude or action that forfeits personal freedom.*

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:12-15).** *This is traditionalism in which service is toward principles instead of people.*

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:16-20).** *This is ritualism that holds truth in contempt.*