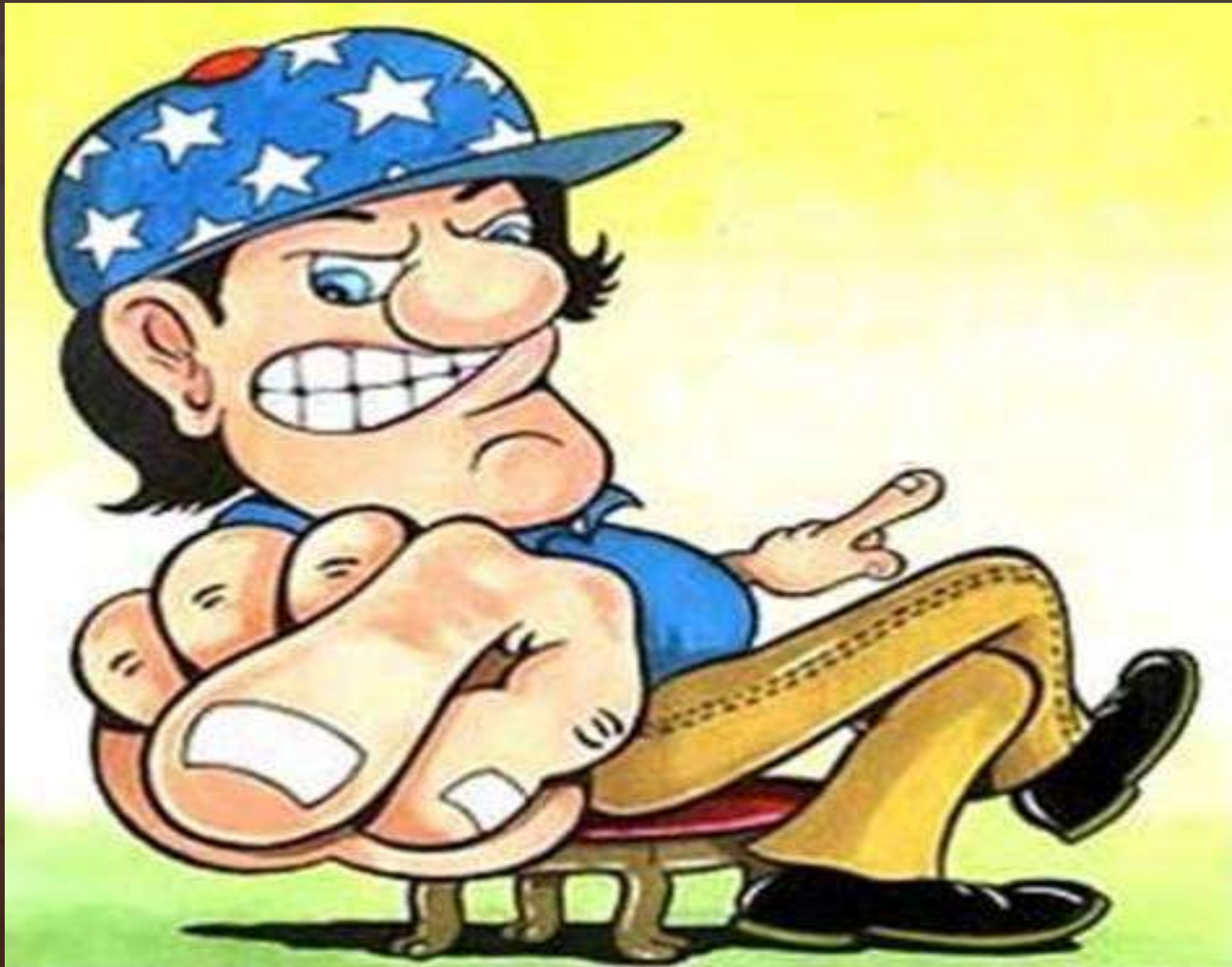




Are We Just a Group of Legalists

James 1:17-25

You Church of Christer's are Just a Bunch of Legalists!





The Problem's???

✿ It is an accusation

✿ Legalists is a just a term to seem awful

★ Would we be a child of God without it (**II John 9**)

- ✧ Another problem is that keeping the law is like those Pharisees (**Mark 7:1-9**)
 - ✧ Their problem was not keeping the law (**John 7:19**)
 - ✧ What they wanted to be done was their "commandment" (**Colossians 2:11-23**)
 - ✧ However seeking God's will needs to be our focus on all matters (**Matthew 7:21**)
 - ✧ That is keeping his commands (**John 14:15**)

✧ If we seek to do God's will does that make us a legalist?

✧ Yes

✧ Is it wrong?

✧ No!

✧ Do not let it offend us if we are called a legalist



Is one Condemned for Keeping
the Law?

- ✿ Is one condemned for keeping the law?
- ✿ Consider the churches in Asia minor
(Revelation 2-3)
 - ✿ The church in Ephesus--Left their first love
 - ✿ The church in Pergamos--Compromised allowing sin
 - ✿ The church in Thyatira--Corrupt and sinful in their works
 - ✿ The church in Sardis--Dead and not ready
 - ✿ The church in Laodicea--Lukewarm in their works

* Consider ourselves

* If we want eternal life we need to be obedient (**Colossians 3:22**)

* To not keep enough of the law of God we are missing the mark (**Matthew 7:21**)



One Will be Blessed

* Be one that looks into the law of liberty

* Through Jesus Christ who has made us free (**John 8:32**)

* And it is through Jesus Christ (**John 14:6**)

✧ One needs to be a hearer

✧ Faith derives from hearing
(**Romans 10:17**)

✧ Be swift to hear (**James 1:19**)

* But also one needs to be a doer

* We need to be a doer of the word
(James 2:14-16)

* One needs faith through hearing and
who needs to prove it by works (or
obedience) to God **(James 2:21-24)**

✿ One will be blessed by being a legalist under the new covenant (**Hebrews 8:12**)

✿ Seeking the will of God and obeying it now! (**Revelation 22:14**)