# Do We Please People or Do We Please God? Galatians 1:6-10







## THE MANY FACES of a PEOPLE-PLEASER

The Cooper Review.com







For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. **GALATIANS 1:10** 

# People-Pleasers Cave under Pressure from Influential People



## to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

**GALATIANS 2:5** 

# People-Pleasers Ignore Harmful Hypocrisy







But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

### **GALATIANS 2:11–14**

# People-Pleasers Hide from the Shame of the Cross

YES

17 From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. **GALATIANS 6:17** 

12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

## **GALATIANS 6:12**

14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

**GALATIANS 6:14** 

20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## **GALATIANS 2:20**

## Making idols of other people end up...



# *...ultimately idolizing themselves*



## Fighting the People-Pleaser within Us



# **1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**ROMANS 8:1** 



3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. **1 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4** 

# The Reality Check for People Pleasers

# 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**ROMANS 12:18** 

#### Father

I am pleased with you because of the works of my Son Will you accept me? Will you reject me?

## People

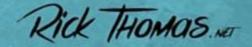
I am pleased with you as long as you do what I ask.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

#### God

People

Shame Guilt Fear Insecure Worry Comfort Craving Acceptance Rejection Confidence Significance Hope Control The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe. Proverbs 29:25



"I didn't go to religion to make me happy. I always knew a bottle of Port would do that. If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity."

C. S. Lewis

"Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."



DIETRICH BONHOEFFER German pastor, theologian, and martyr 1906-1945