

# **Do We Please People or Do We Please God?**

## **Galatians 1:6-10**



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# THE MANY FACES of a PEOPLE-PLEASER

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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







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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





**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**

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

Will you  
accept me?  
Will you  
reject me?

# People

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

The fear of man lays a  
snare, but whoever trusts  
in the Lord is safe.  
Proverbs 29:25

God

People

Shame Guilt Fear  
Insecure Worry Comfort  
Craving Acceptance  
Rejection Confidence  
Significance Hope  
Control



“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.”



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