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1. Legalism—Religion of Human Effort (12-13)

- Boasting in externals (circumcision, flesh)
- Impressing others
- Avoiding persecution
- Failing to keep the law

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2. Genuine Christianity: Religion of Divine Grace (v14-17)

- Boasting in the cross alone
- Experiencing God's new creation
- Enjoying true peace and acceptance
- Embracing persecution for Christ