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- **Legalism**

- “You enact laws that are not God’s!”

- Does this happen? Yes! **Matt. 15:9**

- Dogma *“I love Jesus. It is the followers of Jesus, we Christians, with whom I struggle. We Christians who build the doctrinal and dogmatic walls of organized religion.”*

Susan K. Smith, A.U. Church of Christ

- The Law of Christ is clear: **John 8:11, Jas. 2:12, I Jn. 3:4**

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- **Legalism**

- “You have no right to judge!”, *“My God is not an exclusionist. My God is love. My God demands that we love and accept other people. To me it is not rocket science.”* Susan K. Smith, A.U. C of C

- Christ is Judge – **Jn. 5:22, 27, 30; 12:48**

- Christ tells us to judge – **John 7:24**

- We warn those on the outside –

- II Cor. 5:9-11, I Pet. 4:17**

- We pass judgment on those inside –

- I Cor. 5:12-13**

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## **Blanket Application**

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- **“No church is right!”**
  - **What is right?**
    - **The New Testament example is right**
      - **Eph. 5:23-32** – **Christ loves the church**
      - **I Cor. 10:16-17, 11:22** – **Christ’s Church is still right even if man is wrong**
    - **Many apply a bad experience from one organized religion to all others**
      - **There is One, True, Right organized religion out there...it’s patterned after the NT**

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