

## "Contentions and Confessions"

TEXT: John 9:13-34

Scripture reading: Acts 19:1-20

Reading: I Cor. 16:5-9

**I. A legal objection** - vv. 13-17

(Exodus 20:8-10)

Application: A warning about the laws of men vs. the laws of God

Three realities of legalism:

1. Legalism is a \_\_\_\_\_

2. Legalism is an \_\_\_\_\_

3. Legalism is a \_\_\_\_\_

-Matthew Henry wrote that Jesus, "...*would not seem to yield to the usurped power of the scribes and Pharisees. Their government was illegal, their impositions were arbitrary, and the zeal for the rituals consumed the substantials of religion; and therefore Christ would not give place to them, by subjection, no not for an hour.*"

**II. A prejudiced interrogation** - vv. 18-23

(Lk. 16:31)

Application: A warning about the residue of unbelief  
(I Pet. 1:9-10)

### **III. A developing defense - vv. 24-34**

Arthur Pink writing about the growing faith of the healed man, "*...a mouth and wisdom were given to this babe in Christ which the doctors of the Sanhedrin were unable to resist.*"

Application: An encouragement about adversity and adversaries

*"If you have no opposition in the place you serve, you're serving in the wrong place."*  
G. Campbell Morgan