

Isaiah Saldivar and Alexander Pagani Warn of the Toxic Spirit Manipulating Modern Christianity

In today's church culture, the line between holiness and legalism has become blurred, and many believers find themselves trapped in a cycle of fear and performance. As Isaiah Saldivar explained in a recent podcast with Apostle Alexander Pagani, "We believe in holiness, but biblical holiness, not man-made legalism."

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Pagani emphasized that legalism is not just about outward rules—it's about a mindset that replaces God's authority with human control. In hyper-Pentecostal or ultra-holiness circles, for example, rules often start as personal convictions for spiritual growth, but over time they become rigid doctrines. He notes, "You'll have pastors saying a woman wearing pants is going to hell."



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Legalism is further reinforced when believers confuse obedience with salvation. Pagani warns, "Anything that we add that takes away from the supremacy of the efficacy of Christ's work on the cross... is legalism." This works-based mindset leaves believers exhausted and spiritually traumatized, repeatedly returning to the altar in fear and doubt.