



“Don’t Submit to Legalism”

Colossians 2:20-23

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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Do you tend to be a “rule-oriented” person? Is it easy for you to follow instruction, or are you more prone to “do your own thing?”

QUICK REVIEW

Having expressed his gratitude for the Colossian church, and having presented a clear picture of the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ (chapter 1), Paul explicitly warns the Colossians against a heresy spreading in their city (chapter 2). They must take heed lest they exchange their focus on the all-sufficient Christ for religious practices with no power to save or sanctify. This is a part of the ongoing struggle of spiritual warfare against Satan and the elemental spirits of the world, demon entities.

To keep you free from the snare of legalism,

1. **A rhetorical question (2:20-22)**
2. **A bold assertion (2:23)**

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Colossians 2:22 refers to a progression of measures taken to curtail the power of sin. Have you ever tried to pursue holiness by such means? Have you encountered another who made such an effort? Did it work?
2. How would you counsel a Christian young man who is fighting a losing battle with lust? Is it wrong to make rules about his use of the internet or his cell phone? Why/why not? Will such rules transform him?
3. If rules are regulations cannot defeat the power of sin, where is the victory to be found? Read and reflect on Romans 7:7-8:11 to find your answer.
4. How can we deepen our awareness of our union with Christ? What does Colossians 3:1-4 teach us?