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Resist the Urge to Legalism



Part 5 of - The Pre-Eminence of Christ

Colossians 2:16-2:23 “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, ¹⁷which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. ¹⁸Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God...

1. We tend to think _____ are legalistic but we are not.
2. Legalism is _____ (Mark 7:6-8)
3. Legalism can make a vibrant faith _____
4. Legalism produces _____, _____ and _____
5. Legalism makes us _____
6. Legalism makes it _____ for people to see Jesus
(Colossians 2:9-15, 16-23)

1. **Remember our _____** (John 8:36)
 - (a) We are _____ (Colossians 2:10)
 - (b) We are _____ (Colossians 2:13)
 - (c) Our sins are _____ (Colossians 2:13b-14)
 - (d) We have _____ (Colossians 2:15, 1 Cor. 15:56-57)
2. **Resist the _____ of Legalism** (Galatians 3:2-3)
 - (a) Refuse to _____ (Colossians 2:16-17)
 - (b) Reject _____ (Colossians 2:18)
 - (c) Don't look to _____ as the measure of your spirituality (Colossians 2:20-23)

.... ²⁰Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— ²¹“Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,” ²²which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? ²³These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.”