

CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

In Freedom

Colossians 2:16-23
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Opening Thought Questions:

After embracing Christ, how do we maintain our spiritual freedom and avoid being led astray by legalism, and human-made religious practice?

(16-17) Shadows and Substance...
What is the therefore, there for?

(18-19) Growth from God...
Defining asceticism = the practice of strict _____ as a measure or personal and especially _____ discipline.

(20-23) Not for appearances.
Gnosticism –
Legalism –
Mysticism –
Asceticism –

Further Study

Ephesians
Acts 21-28
Galatians 5

Gal. 5:13

Gal. 5:14
Jn. 1:1-14

Jn. 15:13
Php. 2:1-11

Next Week: Colossians 3:1-11 Christ be Magnified: "In Turning Away"

<p style="text-align: center;">CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Freedom</p> <p>Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Col. 2:16-23</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Colossians 2:16-23</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection and Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After reading the context of the passage, found in verses 8-15, what is the “therefore” in verse 16, there for? 2. How do we pass judgment on questions of food, drink or otherwise in churches today? 3. What is Paul’s antidote, to keep the church from falling ensnared to Gnosticism, asceticism, mysticism, and or legalism? (vs 19-20a). 4. What does Paul describe is so tempting about the allure of legalism, asceticism, Gnosticism and mysticism? (vss. 18, 20-23) 5. How do these false ways of thinking, teaching, and living actually lead us away from Christ? How do they fall short of their own promise? (vs. 23). Who and or what is effective at stopping the indulgence of the flesh? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Ephesians Acts 21-28 Galatians 5 Gal. 5:13-14 Jn. 1:1-14 Jn. 15:13 Php. 2:1-11</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>