

“Living in Liberty & Grace”

The Cosmic Supremacy of Christ

Col. 2:16-17 • pt. 20

INTRODUCTION

- the great danger of false teaching

“We have somehow got hold of the idea that error is only that which is outrageously wrong; and we do not seem to understand that the most dangerous person of all is the one who does not emphasize the right things.”
– D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

- all false teaching seeks to distract us away from Christ
2 Cor. 11:3
- the false teaching of *legalism*

1. Observing laws doesn't please God

- “to act as judge”
- spiritual ‘gray areas’
Jms. 4:17

- legalism as it appeared in Colossae (2:16):
 - + spirituality isn't measured by what is bodily ingested
 - OT dietary laws
Lev. 11
 - Jesus fulfilled OT dietary laws
Jn. 6:41; 4:13; 6:54-56
Mk. 7:15, 20-21; 1 Tim. 4:1-4; Rom. 14:17
 - + spirituality isn't measured by religious days observed
 - festivals
1 Cor. 5:7
 - new moons
Num. 28:11-14
 - Sabbath
 - ✓ purpose of the Sabbath
Ex. 20:8-11; 31:16-17; Ezk. 20:12
 - ✓ should NT believers observe the Sabbath?
Rom. 14:5; Heb. 4:1-11

2. Trusting Christ pleases God.

- “substance” *v.* “shadow”
- 2 ways to please God...
- the believer's freedom from the Law
Rom. 7:4-6

“Nothing will keep a Christian more immature than trying to keep a list.”
– Charles Swindoll