



Log Out

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Colossians 2:16-23 (page 903)

1. _____ do not have the _____ to change your life.
(2:16-23)

2. Consider the Alternatives (2:6-10)

- Religion: I obey—therefore _____
- Gospel: _____ through what Christ has done—therefore I obey.

3. We act in ways that are _____ with what we
_____. (2:11-15)

- Completely _____ (2:11)
- Completely _____ (2:12)
- Completely _____ (2:13)
- Completely _____ (2:14)

Digging Deeper

1. In what ways have you been caught in the trap of obeying rules to feel accepted by God?
2. Read Colossians 2:16-23. List the negative consequences for you and others when rules are the focus.
3. Read Colossians 2:6-15. What do you learn about your identity in Christ?
4. Insert “I,” “me,” or “my” in Colossians 2:9-15 below. Then read it slowly to yourself.

⁹ For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. ¹⁰ So _____ also (am) complete through _____ union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

¹¹ When _____ came to Christ, _____ (was) “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of _____ sinful nature. ¹² For _____ (was) buried with Christ when _____ (was) baptized. And with him _____ was raised to new life because _____ trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

¹³ _____ (was) dead because of _____ sins and because _____ sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made _____ alive with Christ, for he forgave all _____ sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against _____ and took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

5. How is your identity changing through our study of Colossians 1-2?

Resources:

The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith by Tim Keller
The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism by Tim Keller
 Free sermons by Tim Keller: sermons2.redeemer.com