

A Return To Freedom

Colossians 2:16-23

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“What Christ has done in liberating us...is to set our conscience free from the guilt of sin. The Christian freedom he describes is freedom of conscience, freedom of the tyranny of the law, the dreadful struggle to keep the law, with a view to winning the favour of God. It is the freedom of acceptance with God...”

-Author John Stott

1. The Danger of Judging the Outside

- A. We Judge Others (v. 16)
- B. We Miss the Reality of Christ (v. 17)

2. The Danger of False Teaching

- A. Denies the Person of Christ (v. 18-19)
- B. Destroys the Body of Christ (v. 19)

3. The Danger of Focusing on Manmade Rules

- A. A Lack of Power (v.22-23)
- B. Lead to Pride or Despair (v. 23)

◆ Gospel Applications:

1. We are loved and accepted by God because of what Christ has done on our behalf!
2. The goal of our spiritual walk is a deeper relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
3. Spiritual Growth can only occur when we are connected to the Jesus Christ!