

## COLOSSIANS 2:6-23: Freedom in Christ

### The THREATS to freedom Paul's readers were experiencing

- \_\_\_\_\_ were increasingly infiltrating & subtly corrupting basic Christian teaching about Christ & the Gospel (v8).
- Insistence on \_\_\_\_\_ or the worship of \_\_\_\_\_ (v18).
- Following the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v20-23).  
Don't trust the \_\_\_\_\_ to be
  - Your \_\_\_\_\_ into freedom.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of your freedom.
  - Where you \_\_\_\_\_ to find freedom.CLUE: The god of this world is \_\_\_\_\_ trying to lead you into \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The tug back into \_\_\_\_\_ (v16-17).
  - \* Jewish converts understandably had great difficult \_\_\_\_\_ themselves from orthodox Jewish \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \* The details of Jewish religious practice were meant to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to an \_\_\_\_\_, which was \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
  - \* All the rules & regulations were merely \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, which was \_\_\_\_\_.

### What did Paul have to say about all that in Colossians 2?

- A. This Christ you are following is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the face of all those threats, Christ is:
- The \_\_\_\_\_
  - He has \_\_\_\_\_ your enemy.
  - As a result of that you're gloriously \_\_\_\_\_.
  - And in all of that, He is \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The life, freedom, victory & purpose you seek come from \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ (v20, Galatians 5:1).

Paul asks, where does \_\_\_\_\_ freedom come from? Is it:

- \_\_\_\_\_ rules;
- \_\_\_\_\_ rules;
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ & \_\_\_\_\_ His Word?

The world is trying to convince you submitting to \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_. But that all depends upon to \_\_\_\_\_ you are surrendering.

### APPLICATION

#### **What are the possible things KEEPING US from freedom in Christ?**

- Our faith / Christianity / relationship with God is mostly \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our worship has become \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to the point we're really just going \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our faith has become \_\_\_\_\_ based, not \_\_\_\_\_.
- We use our natural \_\_\_\_\_ as an excuse to \_\_\_\_\_.
- We're \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **How do you BECOME free?**

- Recognise that whatever the \_\_\_\_\_, your \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:6).
- Stand on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your way to freedom (Psalm 8:2).
- If you can get the \_\_\_\_\_, you can break your \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:32).
- Stop giving the enemy \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ has (Colossians 2:15).
- Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ the One who is \_\_\_\_\_ you into the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 3:17).