

"Counterfeit Christianity"

Complete in Christ - Part 8
Colossians 2:16-23

1. The _____ of Legalism.

Colossians 2:16-17 (ESV) – "Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ."

All religion tends to trip up over two things: _____ and _____.

Colossians 2:20-22 (Emp Added) – "Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: ²¹ "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!" ²² These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely HUMAN COMMANDS and TEACHINGS."

2. The _____ with Legalism:

A. It is birthed in _____.

B. The rules create _____.

Galatians 5:1—"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

C. People become _____ or _____.

3. How to _____ Legalism:

A. God's laws are for _____; Your rules are just for _____.

James 4:12 (Emp Added) —"There is only ONE LAWGIVER and JUDGE, He who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?"

B. Avoid making you _____ your _____.

C. Distinguish between _____ and _____.

Romans 14:1 (Emp. Added) —"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on DISPUTABLE MATTERS. . ."

"Do what God's teaching says; when you only listen and do nothing, you are fooling yourselves." - James 1:22 (NCV)