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What Really Matters, and What Doesn't

Colossians 2:16-23

Christ gives freedom and fullness of life

A. The Emptiness of Religion (2:16-23)

1. Legalism (vv 16-17)

a. Let no man judge you in accordance with the Old Testament law with respect to:

1). meat,

2). drink

3). respect of an holy day

4). new moon

5). Sabbath days (Exodus 20:8)

Ephesians 4:24

**And that ye put on the
new man, which after
God is created in
righteousness and
true holiness.**

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A. The Emptiness of Religion (2:16-23) - continued

1. Legalism (vv 16-17) - continued

b. Legalism leads to hypocrisy (Isaiah 1:10-14)

c. Legalism leads to the “way of Cain” (Jude 11-13)

Error - Salvation by works instead of grace

d. The law is a “shadow” - Not the real thing (v 17)

Hebrews 10:1

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A. The Emptiness of Religion (2:16-23) - continued

2. Mysticism of the Gnostics (vv 18-19)

- 1). Don't let the Gnostics cheat you out of your reward by following their way**
- 2). Gnosticism leads to a false humility (v 18)**
- 3). Gnostics missed the mark of Christ (v 19)**

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A. The Emptiness of Religion (2:16-23) - continued

3. Asceticism (vv 20-23)

a. Living a life of denial instead of being dead to the "old man" (vv 20-21)

1). Touch not

2). Taste not

3). Handle not

b. Wrong doctrine which will perish (v 22)

c. Gives a false appearance of being devout and false sense of security due to a wrong motive (v 23)

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B. The Excellence of Christ (2:17, 19)

1. Christ fulfilled the law (v 17)

Galatians 2:16, 2:21, 4:23

2. Christ fills the life (v 19)

Colossians 3:16

A Different Way to Live

Colossians 3:1-4

Christians should live by Biblical values

**The Christian life is a
matter of perspective -
if our values are right,
our lives will be productive**

**We should not just
know God's will, but do
God's will.**

Colossians 3:1-4

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

I. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2)

A. Seek heavenly things (3:1)

1. An attitude centered on Christ

Matthew 6:33

**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his
righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto
you.**

I. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2)

A. Seek heavenly things (3:1) - continued

2. An aptitude centered on right thinking

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

I. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2)

A. Seek heavenly things (3:1) - continued

3. An action based on Christ's position - the right hand of God

Hebrews 10:12

**But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins
for ever, sat down on the right hand of God**

I. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2)

B. Set your affection on heavenly things (3:2)

Do we?

1. Make it a heart priority

Matthew 6:19-21

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

I. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2)

B. Set your affection on heavenly things (3:2)

Do we ...? - continued

2. Use God's heavenly standard

Luke 12:15-21

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15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

Luke 12:15-21 - continued

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

I. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2)

B. Set your affection on heavenly things (3:2)

Do we ...? - continued

3. Have faith in God's promises

Hebrews 11:8-10

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

I. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2)

B. Set your affection on heavenly things (3:2)

Do we ...? - continued

4. Endure righteous suffering for long term reward

Hebrews 11:24-26

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

I. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2)

B. Set your affection on heavenly things (3:2)

Do we ...? - continued

5. Realize proper affection leads to true fulfillment

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

I. Instructions for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:1-2)

B. Set your affection on heavenly things (3:2)

Do we ...? - continued

6. Have the right kind of love

1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

II. Incentives for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:3-4)

A. Union with Christ (3:1, 3a)

We should live differently because we are

1. Risen with Christ

2. Dead to Sin

Romans 6:5-8

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

II. Incentives for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:3-4)

B. Security in Christ (3b)

1. “life is hid” - A picture of buried treasure

John 10:28-30

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and my Father are one.

II. Incentives for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:3-4)

C. Glorification with Christ (3:4)

When Christ appears

1. At the Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

II. Incentives for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:3-4)

C. Glorification with Christ (3:4)

When Christ appears

1. At the Rapture - continued

We see Him and receive glorified bodies

Philippians 3:20-21

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

II. Incentives for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:3-4)

C. Glorification with Christ (3:4)

When Christ appears

2. At the Second Coming of Christ

Jude 14-15

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him

II. Incentives for Pursuing a Heavenly Life (3:3-4)

C. Glorification with Christ (3:4)

When Christ appears

2. At the Second Coming of Christ - continued

The world sees Christ and we reign with Him

2 Timothy 2:11-12

11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

**If we change our way
of thinking, we will
change the way we live**