



Christ Over All || Week 6

Read **Colossians 2:16-23** and discuss the following.

- In your own words, summarize Paul's message to the believers in Colossae. What is his primary exhortation?
- The false teachers in Colossae were imposing manmade regulations and rituals on the church. There is evidence of legalism, asceticism, and mysticism within the passage. How are these similar? How are they different?
- What do you think makes these false teachings so attractive? Which of the three above categories is most appealing to you personally? That is, which would be more of a temptation for you?
- How does the gospel speak to each of these false philosophies? Explain.
- Have you ever encountered the idea that certain 'spiritual experiences' are essential to salvation? What form do these 'experiences' take? How does Paul's teaching in Colossians equip you to respond to these ideas?
- The tone of the passage is one of warning. It is an exhortation to not fall into the condemnation of these false teachers by submitting to their "self-made religion". By seeing what is to be rejected, can you see what should instead be pursued? What is some 'positives' that are implied within this text of Scripture?
- How does this passage of Scripture most comfort and/or convict you personally?