

LESSON 3

SEARCHING FOR FULLNESS

COLOSSIANS 2:6–23



1 Describe a time when you were cheated in a purchase (e.g., what you bought was not as advertised).

2 Describe a time when you almost got rid of something of high quality or of special value to you and then were glad that you decided to hang on to it.



Read Colossians 2:6–23 and the following notes:

☐ 2:6, 7 ☐ 2:7 ☐ 2:8 ☐ 2:10 ☐ 2:11, 12 ☐ 2:13–15 ☐ 2:15 ☐ 2:16, 17
☐ 2:19 ☐ 2:20–23 ☐ 2:22, 23 ☐ 2:23

3 What did Paul mean when he said that Jesus “canceled the record” (2:14)?

4 What does this section teach about our connection to Christ?

5 How were many of the believers being judged?

6 How do Christ's death and resurrection relate to the Jewish laws?

7 What were some of the pressures on these early believers that could cause them to falter in their walk with Christ?



Paul urged the Colossians to continue living in Christ. They were never to exchange the fullness of Christ for hollow philosophy, human regulations, or approval from others. Why would any believer in Christ want to make this kind of trade? In the church in Colosse there were those who were trying to lead them away from Christ. Today, friends or coworkers may urge us to give up on Christ. Well-meaning religious people may want us to add some special regulations or interpretations of a doctrine to our simple faith. Don't allow anyone or anything to lead you astray. When you have Christ, you have all you need.

8 What are some of today's counterfeits of Christianity?

9 What is legalism?



10 How does the gospel set us free from the tyranny of legalism?

11 Why are many Christians easily deceived or confused by false teaching?

12 What can a person do to become less vulnerable to false teaching? What can the church do to help?

13 In what areas are you susceptible to guilt coming from rules and regulations (legalism)?

14 How can you develop strong roots in Christ? What resources are available to assist you in your growth?



A What was the purpose of circumcision? How is baptism related to circumcision?

B How did Christ triumph over the “evil rulers and authorities” (2:15)? What does his superiority mean for us?

C What does it mean that Christ is the head of the body? Why was it especially important for the Colossian believers to understand and accept this idea fully?

D What does it mean to be free in Christ? What abuses of this freedom must we be careful to avoid?

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