

## Sanctification in Christ Alone (Colossians 2:16-23)

### *Erroneous Teaching about Sanctification in Colossae*

**vv. 16-17** – \_\_\_\_\_ religious forms not specified for the church

- Abstaining from \_\_\_\_\_ foods / \_\_\_\_\_ feasts & holy days
- Do not let another \_\_\_\_\_ you – they are form over \_\_\_\_\_

**vv. 18-19** – pagan \_\_\_\_\_

- Delighting in (false) \_\_\_\_\_ – although \_\_\_\_\_ in mind
- Worship of \_\_\_\_\_ – believe in their \_\_\_\_\_
- Taking their stand on \_\_\_\_\_ – access to special \_\_\_\_\_
- Do not let them keep you from \_\_\_\_\_ – hold on to \_\_\_\_\_

**vv. 20-23** – \_\_\_\_\_ – body is \_\_\_\_\_ → abstain from pleasure

- No \_\_\_\_\_ value / teachings of men, not of \_\_\_\_\_ / unable to overcome the dominion of the \_\_\_\_\_

### *Take-Away*

#### Similar Erroneous Teachings about Sanctification Today

- Requirements / prohibitions not in \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom: 14:5-7)
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Gnosticism
  1. False \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 2:3; Jas. 4:10)
  2. Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim. 2:5)
  3. Prophets who elevate authority of \_\_\_\_\_ over Scripture
- Asceticism – to \_\_\_\_\_ God add to Christ's \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Thess. 4:3-8; Jude 4; Tit. 2:11-12  
Watch out for those who \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ grace

#### My Sanctification is in Christ Alone

- I am \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ
- His \_\_\_\_\_ is essential (Jn. 17:17)
- Only His \_\_\_\_\_ overcomes the sin nature → live to the \_\_\_\_\_

#### My Role in the Sanctification Process

- Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ to sin and \_\_\_\_\_ to God (Rom. 6:11-13)
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ in growth disciplines – trust God to \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Pet. 3:18; 1 Cor. 3:7

## Discussion Questions: Colossians 2:16-23

1. Explain:

- a) Positional sanctification
- b) Progressive sanctification
- c) Ultimate sanctification

Read the passages below. Which of the above aspects of sanctification do they relate to? Discuss any practical insights.

- Acts 13:38-39
- Hebrews 10:10, 14
- John 17:17-19
- 2 Peter 3:18
- Philippians 1:6; 2:12-13
- 1 Peter 1:14-16
- 1 John 3:2-3
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23

2. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the believer's sanctification?

3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?