

Title: Break the Rules

Text: Colossians 2:16-3:4

Target: A spirituality that is produced in human effort finds the rewards in the hands of men, not the heart of God.

I. The ______ of Legalism: "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." (Vs. 2:16)

A. Definition of Legalism: Religion of Human Achievement.

B. Doctrine of Legalism: Earning of God's Acceptance.

- 1. Dietary Laws: (Clean, Unclean)
- 2. Festival Events: (Present/Absent)
- 3. New Moon: (Give/Keep)
- 4. Sabbath Days: (Rest/Work)

C. Discernment towards Legalism: "These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ." (Vs. 2:17)

II. The ______in Mysticism: "Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind," (Vs. 2:18)

A. Definition of Mysticism: Pursuit of divine experiences subjective to human interpretation.

B. Doctrine of Mysticism: Only available to the spiritually advanced.

1. Worship of Angels: (Superior than our Savior)

2. Visions and Dreams: (Superior to Scripture)

C. Discernment towards Mysticism: "and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God." (Vs. 2:19)

III. The______ of Asceticism: "If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—" (Vs. 2:20)

A. Definition of Asceticism: Extreme self-denial to attain different levels of spirituality.

B. Doctrine of Asceticism: Spiritual devotion is measured by physical discipline.

1. Abstinence: "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" (Vs. 2:21)

2. Acceptance: "(referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?" (Vs. 2:22)

3. Appearance: "These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body," (Vs. 2:23a)

C. Discernment towards Asceticism: "but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh." (Vs. 2:23b)

IV. The ______ of Spiritualism: "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Vs. 3:1)

A. Definition of Spiritualism: The transformation of a life is found in Christ alone by the Holy Spirit.

B. Doctrine of Spiritualism: Revelation from God is always anchored in Scripture.

C. Discernment in Spiritualism: Christ is ENOUGH!

1. Kingdom Minded: "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (Vs. 3:2)

2. Kingdom Grounded: "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." (Vs. 3:3)

3. Kingdom Centered: "When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory" (Vs.3:4)

Takeaway: Are we HIDDEN in Christ or are we HIDING Christ?



WEEKLY RHYTHMS:

Tuesdays at 6:30pm | Care Groups CBC Care Groups are here to offer support and help you find community.

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Wednesdays at 6:45pm | Impact Join us for impact, our midweek gathering for 6-12th grade students!

Thursdays at 7:00pm | Common Ground College students- join us for our Thursday gathering!

Fridays at 6:30pm | Celebrate Recovery & The Landing Recovery community for adults and students.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Fri, 11.3 | 5:30pm | Family Movie Night

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Sun, 11.5 | 5:30pm | Go Global Mission Trips Interest Dinner CBC Global has 40+ opportunities for you to share the Good News of Jesus around the world in 2023! Join us Sunday, November 5th at CBC to hear from a few of our international partners and CBC Family Members just like you, who have been impacted by a CBC Mission Experience.

Mon, 11.6 | 5:30pm | Welcome Home

Welcome Home is a great way to find out more about CBC and how to get connected to our family! We serve dinner from 5:45pm-6:30pm then begin our time with our Pastors from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Join us for Welcome Home and learn how you can take your next best step!

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