

“Recognize and Reject Legalism” (Colossians 2:16-17)

- I. THE SALUTATION TO THE COLOSSIANS (1:1-2)
- II. THE PRAYERS OF PAUL AND TIMOTHY FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)
- III. THE PRE-EMINENCE OF CHRIST'S POSITION AND WORK (1:15-23)
- IV. THE PROPAGATION OF CHRIST'S WORK (1:23c-2:3)
- V. THE PROBLEM AND PROTECTION FROM FALSE TEACHING (2:4-23)

* Why did Paul spend time delineating the believer's position in Christ?

- A. Warning #1 (2:4)
- B. Warning #2 (2:8)
- C. Warning #3 (2:16)

* Beware of _____

* What is legalism?

* What are some characteristics of legalism?

1. Paul's command to resist legalism begins with _____ (v16)

* Why is this word important?

* It is a call to put into _____ previous information

* vv 9-15 provide the _____ of how and why you are to _____ legalism

2. The command is stated with the words: _____

* judge -

* The five areas of legalism that Paul mentions are:

3. The reason these legalistic observances are to be rejected is that they are only _____ (v17)

* A shadow _____ a reality – Heb 10:1-2

* The reality for the believer is _____

* What are some modern day religions that function legalistically?

* Paul's point is:

1. You don't need shadows when you have the _____

2. Christianity does not foreshadow _____, but Judaism foreshadowed _____

3. True spirituality does not consist of observing shadows, codes, or rules, but by _____
to and _____ the One who loved you and gave Himself for you, _____

* What should this mean to You?