

CHRISTIANITY IN A NUTSHELL

Lesson 6: What You Should Know (Part 2) Colossians 2:16-23

Introduction:

Have you ever wondered if it should really be as hard as some people make it seem? You may pose that question to an instructor or expert, but have you ever thought that some have developed rules for Christians which are probably not necessary? In an atmosphere filled with rules, Paul explained to the Colossians what they should know about their faith in Christ and what was just religion. He tells us, that ***In Christ, there is...***

I. No J _____ (vv. 16-17)

“And He said to them, ‘Are you also as lacking in understanding? Don’t you realize that nothing going into a man from the outside can defile him? ¹⁹For it doesn’t go into his heart but into the stomach and is eliminated.’” (As a result, He made all foods clean.)”
Mark 7:18-19

“... a voice said to him, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call common.’”
Acts 10:14-15

“Why then was the law given? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise was made would come... so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”
Galatians 3:19, 21-22

Look for S _____ !

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
³⁸Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 6:38

II. No D _____ (vv. 18-19)

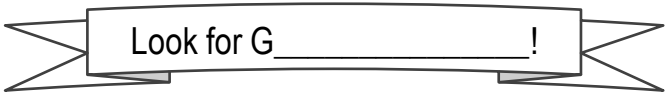
“Whenever you fast, don’t be sad-faced like the hypocrites. For they make their faces unattractive so their fasting is obvious to people. I assure you: They’ve got their reward! ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head, and wash your face, ¹⁸so that you don’t show your fasting to people but to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6:16-18

“...I found it necessary to write and exhort you to contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all.”

Jude 3

“And He put everything under His feet and appointed Him as head over everything for the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of the One who fills all things in every way.”

Ephesians 1:22-23

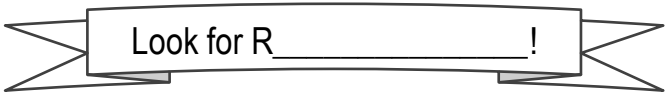


III. No R _____ (vv. 20-23)

“So don’t worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For the idolaters m eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God no and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.” Matthew 6:31-33

The LORD said:

Because these people approach Me with their mouths
to honor Me with lip-service—
yet their hearts are far from Me,
and their worship consists of man-made rules
learned by rote...” Isaiah 29:13



“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins... ⁴But God... ⁵made us alive with the Messiah even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!” Ephesians 2:1, 5