

Hidden With Christ, The Greatest Treasure – Part 3

Colossians 2:16-23

A. Context: Free from the world and complete in Christ (Colossians 2:1-15)

1. Believers, once enemies of God, have been reconciled to Him through Christ, in whom are contained all the _____ of wisdom and knowledge.
2. We can walk free from the deceptive, humanistic _____ of the world because we have the _____ of God in Christ.

B. Our _____ is not to rules and regulations, but to Christ, the fulfillment of the Law. v.16-17

1. Paul & Timothy continue to build the _____ for godly living by reminding the Colossians of Christ's _____ and supremacy. (Hebrews 9-10)
2. We, as believers, must not _____ along the lines of dos and don'ts or any other self-centered route – our focus and thinking need to revolve around _____. (1 Samuel 15:22-23, Hebrews 12:1-2)

C. True humility and pure unity come when we _____ to Jesus, the Head of the Body. v.18-19

1. The Colossians could guard against prideful deceivers by _____ their connection to Christ.
2. Instead of _____ ourselves and the false teachers around us, we should _____ ourselves to knowing Christ intimately. (Ephesians 3:14-4:6, Philippians 3:8-4:1)

D. If we died with Christ, our identity has _____ and our affections must also change. v.20-23

1. Paul & Timothy _____ the Colossians because it is as though they were trying to take back command of their lives after they already _____ to Christ.
2. If we have been brought to _____ and to salvation in Jesus, then we must understand that our _____ has changed. (Matthew 11:28-30, Ephesians 2:1-10)
3. If our identity has changed, then we must set our _____ on Christ and allow His Spirit, not our flesh, to have complete _____. (Galatians 5:16-25, 1 John 2:15-17)

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A. 1-treasures, 2-philosophy, fullness, B.-responsibility, 1-foundation, completion, 2-think, Christ, C.-cling, 1-maintaining, 2-studying, devote, D.-changed, 1-chide, surrendered, 2-repentance, identity, 3-affections, control