

Colossians 2:6-23

Discuss: What are some of the issues of the day/other things that may distract us from following Jesus?

Recap: What is Paul wanting for the Colossian church? What his key to spiritual growth?

Hear from God: Read Colossians 2:6-15

1. 2:6-7 is considered to be the 'key verse' of the letter. It helps sum up everything Paul is trying to say. What do you think it means, and what would it look like in practice for you?
2. What would be examples of 'hollow and deceptive philosophy?'
3. Why does Paul say they shouldn't be captivated by it? How does v9-15 remind them once more of Jesus Christ? Does it remind you of 1:15-20 at all?
4. Why doesn't human rituals such as physical circumcision matter?
5. What is the link Paul makes here between baptism and circumcision?
6. How does v15 comfort us when we hear of anti-Christian legislation in our country and more significantly across the world?

Hear from God: Read v16-23

7. What is the place of outward 'festivals' in the Christian faith?
8. Why is it important that we respect one another's conscience views on these? E.g. if someone in church doesn't agree with Harry Potter, or shopping on Sundays?
9. How does v18 help us if we feel spiritually inferior to others?
10. What is the danger of cutting off their head? (See 1:15-20)
11. A lot of people see the Christian faith as rule keeping. How would you use v20-23 to help explain why that isn't the case?

Apply these things to your life

1. How would continuing rooted in Christ look:
 - a. For our church?
 - b. For our home group?
 - c. For ourselves?
2. How can we help each other in our humility with one another as a church family?

PRAYERS

- Give great thanks that we are not saved by outward acts, but in Christ.
- Pray for our humility as a church family
- Pray we would continue rooted in Christ