

Sunday, 11-19-2023

2023-2024 Fall Quarter
Unit III: Christ Frees, Law Enslaves

Life In Christ Brings Freedom
Bible Background: Colossians 2:6-23
Printed Text: Colossians 2:16-23 KJV/NIV
Devotional Reading: Leviticus 25:8-17

Prayer: *Most wise and everlasting Father, there are times when we question whether or not we are serving according to Your will. Help us mute outside noises so that we can hear Your voice clearly without confusion. Grant that we are not swayed by every wind or doctrine that comes our way. We pray for Your continued hands of protection and guidance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

Unifying Lesson Principle:

1. People may submit to legalistic practices for a variety of reasons. **How can we break free of practices that ensnare us?** Paul encourages us to understand that such practices are human entrapment from which Christ frees us through grace.
 - a. How has my veil been torn down or am I trying to keep it held up? – **Mon: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18**
 - b. How does the veil hinder me from understanding the references of Christ in scriptures? – **Tue: James 2:8-13**
-

Lesson Objectives:

1. Evaluate the difference between legalistic salvation and freedom in Christ.
 2. Experience fullness of life in Christ.
 3. Express freedom in Christ and challenge practices that limit that freedom.
-

Devotional Reading: Wednesday: Proclaim Liberty throughout the Land – **Leviticus 25:8-17**

- What practice would help a society be without permanent poverty?
-

Exposition and Application of the Scripture: – Hold Fast to Christ – Colossians 2:16-23

A. Liberty in Christ (vv. 16-17)

- What's the difference between being a leader and a follower? – **Matthew 20:24-28; Mark 10:41-45; Philippians 2:1-11**
- How much of the “*Old Ways*” are blocking my spiritual growth? – **Hebrews 10:1-10**
- Am I nullifying Christ' death by trying to impose sanctions I can't follow? – **Sat: Colossians 2:6-15**
- Do I peer pressure others into my beliefs, or do I give into others easily?

B. God Is Known through Christ (vv. 18-19)

- How does heresy cause problems in the church?
- What are the three (3) synonyms used for heresy?
- Do I brag about all I'm doing for the Lord while looking down on others? – **Proverbs 16:17-22**
- What prize is in jeopardy of being lost? – **Philippians 3:14-18; Hebrews 12:1-13**

C. Crucified with Christ (vv. 20-23)

- How often am I self-reflecting? – **2 Corinthians 13:5-7; James 1:19-27**
- Have I proclaimed to have died to sin, but still trying to live in it?
- Am I of the world or of God? – **1 John 2:15-17**
- Is my righteousness self-proclaimed or imposed by God?
- Is suffering a mandate for righteousness?