

Colossians: Jesus is All You Need

"Spiritual Bullies Beware"

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Colossians 2:16-23

The message in a nutshell: God doesn't like the activities of _____.

List of what bullies were trying to require of Christians in Colossae:

1. _____ restrictions
2. Keeping religious _____.
3. Keeping Jewish _____ and the _____.
4. _____ celebrations.
5. False _____.
6. _____ worship.

The first two chapters of Colossians is a theological section about the Fullness of Jesus and the worthlessness of human religion.

Part One: _____ up Jesus.

Part Two: Human religion is _____.

Simplicity is the _____ of human religion.

How can we mess up Christianity?

1. You invent _____ that God did not make and _____ them on _____ as if He did.

Human religion will always _____ things God never _____.

2. You turn being _____ into a list of _____ behaviors that can be measured.

External religion promotes _____ not holiness.

You can't make enough rules to produce the _____ of the _____.

The key to growth is whether God is allowed to _____ from the inside out.

"So, then, if with Christ you've put all that pretentious and infantile religion behind you, why do you let yourselves be bullied by it." Col 2:20