

STUDY GUIDE

Colossians 2:16-23

“Walking in the Freedom of Jesus Christ”

- 1) What are the three callings of God for those who claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior?
Share with one another what those callings look like in your life.

- 2) We are legalistic when we evaluate or judge others or one another by the religious and moral code of our own personal expectations. Give examples of that in the world and in the church.

- 3) Discuss the statement - “The freedom we have in Christ is the freedom to live not for ourselves but the freedom to live for God.” What does that look like in your own life?

- 4) Define *ritualism* - and describe what it looks like in the church.

- 5) What are the spiritual effects of *ritualism* in our own walk with God and in the body of Christ?

- 6) Define *mysticism* - and discuss where we see it in our culture and in the church.

- 7) What is the danger of validating our relationship with Jesus by our own personal experiences?

- 8) Define *asceticism* - and discuss the positive and the negative effects of self-denial.

- 9) In what ways does *religious legalism* cause people to turn away from the church?

- 10) **FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:** Discuss the implications (personally and for the church) of . . .

*“For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged,
and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”* Matthew 7:2