

Sermon Series: True Spirituality

Sermon Title: "Avoiding False Paths"

Sermon Text: Colossians 2:16-23

Pre-Sermon: This is to help you prepare for hearing from God's Word.

- Read Colossians 2:16-23. What are the commands in this passage?

Sermon Discussion Questions: This will help you think through the passage and what you heard in the message.

- What is the first word in verse 16? Why is that word significant? What does that word tell us we have to do in order to understand the rest of the passage?
- What are some of the things you think would be important for us to hear from the first two chapters of Colossians so that we will be ready to hear what Paul is going to say in this section of Scripture?
- What indications do we have from the 1:1-8 that Paul is writing to Christians?
- What does Paul say in 1:9-12 that he is praying for them about?
- What is striking about his prayer request?
- How does 1:13-23 reveal why it is so important that we live in a way that is fully pleasing to God?
- What are some indications from the first chapter however that living this way takes effort and thought?
- How does Paul describe spiritual maturity in 2:1-5?
- What are some things we learn in Colossians 2:6-15 about the spiritual life?
- What is the danger Paul warns us about there?
- What truths does Paul think are important for us to know to avoid this danger?
- Can you describe the way Paul structures his argument in 2:16-3:17?
- When Paul talks about living the Christian life what particular truth does he focus on repeatedly? Why do you think this truth is so important?
- What does Paul tell us we must do in this passage?
- What do you think he means?
- What would it look like for you to obey this command?
- What are the two laws of theological mathematics?
- What are the two characteristics of the kind of ideas that we must reject?
- What is legalism?
- What is the problem with legalism?
- What do you think makes legalism such a problem and what are some ways that we can be tempted by it still today?

Sermon Outline: A sermon is much more than an outline, but perhaps this outline will help you follow the sermon.

In this passage, Paul gives very specific and practical help for pursuing a God-pleasing spiritual life:

1. What to do
2. How to do that
3. Why you must do that

Sermon Notes: This is a place you can record your own notes and thoughts as you listen to the message today so that you can think about them later.