

Our One Consuming Passion

Knowing the Real Jesus

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Colossians 2:8-23, p. 980-981

Some people then and now want an _____

Jesus (*v. 9-15, p. 980*)

Can an almost Jesus be _____? (*v. 9-10*)

Can an almost Jesus give _____
_____? (*v. 11-12*)

Can an almost Jesus offer _____ and universal
_____? (*v. 13-15*)

Some people then and now want a Jesus _____

(*v. 16-23, p. 980-981*)

Jesus plus The _____. (*v. 16-17*)

Jesus plus spiritual _____. (*v. 18-19*)

Jesus plus _____. (*v. 20-23*)

LifeGroup Questions:

1. How old were you when you were first heard about Jesus?
2. What are some of the ideas floating around about Jesus in our world today? How do these ideas lead to confusion or clarity about Jesus?

Read Colossians 2:6-23

3. What “hollow and deceptive philosophies which depend on human traditions and the basic principles of this world” have you tried in your pursuit of spiritual direction?
4. Why do you think Paul makes such a huge deal about Jesus being “the fullness of the Deity in bodily form” in verse 9?
5. The meaning of being baptized into Christ is graphically compared to circumcision in verses 11-13. What is Paul's message in this comparison?

Read Colossians 2:16-23 again

6. Now read verse 16 and then skip to verse 23. How can we apply these principles to our lives right now? What must change in your view to stop judging people by what they eat or drink or what special days they celebrate or don't?
7. This past weekend we studied how some people want “Jesus plus...” Jesus plus The Law. Jesus plus elitism. Jesus plus rules. Pray for our church to hunger for a clarity of what it means to follow the real Jesus and be fully devoted to Him.