

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: November 26, 2023
Colossians 2:16-23

1. What did Paul tell the Colossians in last week's study?
 - a. Continue to live your lives in Christ.
 - b. Don't let people take you captive by deceptive philosophies that depend on human tradition.
 - c. The fullness of God dwelt in Christ and we also have been brought to fullness in Christ.
 - d. We were dead in our sins and have now been made alive in Christ.

2. Why should we not let anyone judge us about what we eat or drink? _____

3. What does Paul say about these festivals and dietary rules?
 - a. They are no longer relevant.
 - b. They are a shadow of the things that were to come.
 - c. The reality of which these things were a shadow is now found in Christ.

4. What do verses 18-19 call those who were requiring the Colossians to observe these practices?
 - a. They delight in false humility.
 - b. They delight in the worship of angels.
 - c. They go into great detail about what they have seen.
 - d. They are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind.
 - e. They have lost connection with the head.

5. Why does Paul say, according to verse 20, they should not be following the rules of the world? _____

6. Is Paul saying, in this text, that we should throw off every rule of this world and live in anarchy (see also Matt 22:21)? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

7. What is Paul really saying?
 - a. Following rules does not ensure that your heart is right.
 - b. Many follow rules and try to press them on others to conceal the shallow nature of their own spiritual life.
 - c. The rules that are supposed to keep people from sensual indulgence are not truly effective in doing so, because people find a way to indulge without breaking the rules and miss the point entirely.
 - d. All of the above.

8. Is your relationship with Christ deep or shallow? _____