



Sermon Outline
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The Mystery of the Law

Colossians 2:16-23

Paul issues two warnings:

- 1) Don't let religious people guilt you into a _____.

Colossians 2:16 - Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

- 2) Don't _____ a religious person yourself.

Colossians 2:20-21 - Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"?

There are only two possible ways to be saved:

- 1) _____

In this system the rules are as follows:

Keep the commandments; _____ the penalty.

Break the commandments; _____ the penalty.

James 2:10 - For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

The problem with law-keeping is that it _____.

Romans 3:23 - ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

- 2) _____

In this system the rules are as follows:

Keep the commandments; _____ the penalty.

Break the commandments; _____ the penalty.

The problem with grace is that it's _____.

Romans 3:23-24 - ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Observations:

- 1) The law is beneficial for your time on earth, but it can't get you into _____.

Galatians 3:11 - Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith."

- 2) The law doesn't make us _____. It reminds us that we _____.

Romans 7:7b - I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

- 3) The law doesn't change the heart. _____ does.

Titus 2:11-12 - For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

Jesus + _____ = everything.