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Colossians 2:11-23



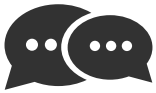
Introduction:

Pastor Bruce mentioned that some time ago his worship leaders were Phil Wickham's parents. This was the music he listened to a while back. Who were some of your favorite bands or artists from years ago?



Thesis:

How can you live a life that is pleasing to God? Are rituals, and severe self-discipline the way to be right with God? If not, is there spiritual value in rituals and self-discipline? Today we'll discover how to truly worship and please God; and the benefit of ritual and spiritual discipline.



Discussion Questions:

- What are some benefits of rituals?
- What are some of the dangers of legalism and liberalism?
- What are some of the dangers of abusing grace?
- How would you like to apply this lesson in your life?



Love Your Neighbor:

- *Neighboring Idea:* As you chat with neighbors around the Thanksgiving holiday let them know why you are grateful to God for them.
- How have you loved your neighbors inside the group this week?
- How have you loved your neighbors outside of your group this week?



Prayer Focus:

- Praise God for His abundant grace that removes ritual requirements.
- Praise God for the commandments and boundaries that He gives us so that we can know Him more and be more like Him.
- Pray that we would live in the freedom of God's grace without abusing it.
- Pray that we would live a disciplined life that allows us to honor God and His commandments.