



Colossians – Part 5
Legalism is for Losers

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1. We are _____ in Christ.

Colossians 2:10-11 (NLT), “¹⁰ So you also are **complete through your union with Christ**, who is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹ When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision – the cutting away of your sinful nature.”

Colossians 2:12 (NLT), “¹² For you were buried with Christ when you were **baptized**. And with him you were **raised to new life** because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.”

2. We are _____ in Christ.

Colossians 2:13-15 (NLT), “¹³ **You were dead** because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you **alive with Christ**, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He **canceled the record of the charges** against us and took it away by **nauling it to the cross**. ¹⁵ In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his **victory** over them on the cross.”

Romans 6:3-5 (NLT), “³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, **now we also may live new lives**. ⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, **we will also be raised to life** as he was.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT), “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a **new person**. The old life is gone; **a new life has begun!**”

3. We are _____ to Christ.

Colossians 2:16-17 (NLT), “¹⁶ So **don’t let anyone condemn you** for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain **holy days** or new moon ceremonies or **Sabbaths**. ¹⁷ For these rules are only **shadows of the reality yet to come**. And **Christ himself is that reality**.”

Matthew 15:11 (NLT), “It’s not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth.”

Hebrews 10:1 (NLT), “The old system under the law of Moses was **only a shadow**, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.”

Colossians 2:18-19, “¹⁸ Don’t let anyone **condemn** you by insisting on pious self-denial or the **worship of angels**, saying they have had visions about these things. Their **sinful minds** have made them **proud**, ¹⁹ and they are not **connected to Christ**, the head of the body. For **he holds the whole body together** with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it.”

4. We are _____ in Christ.

Colossians 2:20-23 (NLT), “²⁰ You have died with Christ, and **he has set you free** from the **spiritual powers of this world**. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, ²¹ “**Don’t handle! Don’t taste! Don’t touch!**”? ²² Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. ²³ These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But **they provide no help in conquering a person’s evil desires**.”

Romans 6:6-8 (NLT), “⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are **no longer slaves to sin**. ⁷ For when we died with Christ, **we were set free from the power of sin**. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.”

Romans 8:1-4 (NLT), “So now there is **no condemnation** for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the **power of the life-giving Spirit** has **freed** you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature **but instead follow the Spirit**.”