

SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE: Shadows vs Substance

PASSAGE: Colossians 2:16-23

DATE: August 2, 2020

Overview: The False Teaching at Colossae

I. The Sufficiency of Jesus as Saving Us (2:16-19)

- A. Don't let anyone "condemn" or "disqualify" you because your hope is in Jesus alone.
- B. Don't trust in your own works, religious deeds, parenting, success, or performance as a means to be right with God.
- C. Rest in Jesus alone. Hold fast to Jesus and refresh yourself in the Gospel.

II. The Sufficiency of Jesus as Lord - Changing Us

- A. Don't look for any spiritual growth program that isn't focused on the sufficiency of Jesus.
- B. Don't trust in your discipline, diligence, or strength
- C. Don't focus on man-made rules, rituals, and expectations
- D. Don't clean the outside of the cup and neglect the inside
- E. Grow not by going somewhere new but by continuing in Him and walking in Him
- F. Saturate yourself in Jesus (3:1-4) rather than the things of this world to grow in Him

Quotes:

- "Spiritual formation places Jesus at the center to keep us out of the center." - Eugene Peterson
- "We never 'get beyond the gospel' in our Christian life to something more 'advanced.' The gospel is not the first 'step' in a 'stairway' of truths, rather, it is more like the 'hub' in a 'wheel' of truth. The gospel is not just the A-B-C's but the A-Z of Christianity. The gospel is not just the minimum required doctrine necessary to enter the kingdom, but the way we make progress in the kingdom." - Tim Keller
- "We're all reaching for that elusive gold star: becoming the [person] society says we can be. We keep pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps, guzzling our coffee, and looking in the mirror to remind ourselves, 'You got this. Go get 'em.' But then. Almost without exception and as if on cue, we reach the end of ourselves. The coffee cup is empty. The self-talk grows quiet. We collapse on the couch. We are tired. This isn't working." - Jen Oshman

Application:

August Scripture Reading Plan: The Gospel of Luke