

Our Freedom in Christ

Colossians 2:8-23

Bondage Breakers:

- Listen to the Word of God over the words of the world. (vv. 8-10)
- Realize that you were given a new nature and were raised to new life in Christ. (vv. 11-12, 3:10, Rom. 6:5-6, 2 Cor. 5:17)
- Know that your old self was made anew by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. (vv. 13-15) **What He did:**
 - He forgave your sins. (acts)
 - He cancelled your record of charges against you. (identity)
 - He disarmed your spiritual adversaries. (Rom. 8:33-34)
 - He shamed your spiritual adversaries.
- Understand that your spiritual life comes from the power of God not the workings of your flesh. (vv. 16-22)
 - Eat and drink (Matt. 15:11)
 - Religious habits
- Learn the difference between physical desires and Godly ways. (v. 23) **Physical desires manifest themselves as Godly traits by:**
 - Requiring a lot of devotion. (devotion is your goal)
 - Requiring self-denial. (emphasis is on you)
 - Requiring severe discipline. (physical takes precedence)

Emphasis – You, not God

End result – No help to curb your evil desires!

Points to Ponder:

- Don't prioritize the message of the world over the message of God's Word!
- Don't revel in the workings of the "old man" but rejoice in the makings of the "new man"!
- Don't depend on your flesh to live out your spiritual faith rather depend on the Spirit to live out your faith in your fleshly body!
- Don't confuse time spent equals love for rather understand love for equals time spent with!