

Above All: Fear of Man
Colossians 2:20-23
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“If with Christ, you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations - “²¹Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²²(referring to things that all perish as they are used) - according to human precepts and teachings? ²³These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.” (ESV)

Fear of Man- is when we _____ man’s law and opinions and _____ God’s Law and gospel.

I. Fear of man makes you _____.

II. Fear of man _____ the finished work of Christ.

A. _____ Law: _____ and _____.

B. _____ and _____ experiences.

III. Fear of man is all about _____.

IV. Fear of man is bad for your _____.

V. We repent by _____ more than man.

This Week’s Songs

Bound for Glory
Love Has Found Us
Man Of Sorrows
The Saints Creed

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Small Group Questions
From: Colossians & Philemon,
by John MacArthur

*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. What has been the most encouraging truth you've learned during the series?

- b. What does Paul mean when he says "you died with Christ" (v20)?

- c. What are "doctrines of men" (v22)?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Read Colossians 2:20-23 and answer the following questions.
 - a. The Colossian errorists were attempting to gain righteousness through self-denial. While reasonable care and discipline of one's body *is* of temporal value (1 Tim. 4:8), it has no real eternal value. How can a believer find a healthy balance between helpful discipline and legalistic ascetism?