

FAREWELL TO RELIGION

Part 1: *Putting Religion To Rest*

Introduction – Settling For A Substitute

Romans 14:17

Ephesians 5:18

Luke 17:21

The heart of Christianity is _____, not _____.

Philippians 3:4-11

The Pathway Of Spiritual Growth

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Death To Religion!

Ephesians 2:15

Colossians 2:14

Bondage or Freedom – The Choice Is Yours

- Life without God is _____ slavery. (2 Peter 2:19)
- Religion offers _____ slavery. (Galatians 2:4; 4:9)
- Jesus offers total _____. (Galatians 5:1)

Conclusion – Are You Tired Of Religion?

Matthew 11:28-30

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

1. Talk about your spiritual journey to this point so far. How “religious” have you been in the past?
2. After reviewing Sunday’s message, share one thing that you are learning or needing help understanding on this topic.
3. Read **Colossians 2**.
 - a) What verse speaks most to you personally? Why?
 - b) **Verse 7** speaks of being “**rooted and built up**” in Christ. What does that picture imply to you about our Christian life?
 - c) What are the “**basic principles of this world**” (vv. 8, 20) and the “**powers and authorities**” (vv. 10, 15)? How does Christ give us victory over these things?
 - d) According to **vv. 16-17**, how are religion and a relationship with Jesus fundamentally different?
4. a) How do you think living a spiritual life would look on the outside as opposed to living a religious life? b) How would it differ on the inside? c) How does **Philippians 2:12-13** apply to this issue?
5. BONUS QUESTION (No Extra Charge!): In **Colossians 2:18** we read about the “**worship of angels**” where the Greek word for “worship” here is *treskeia* – the usual word for “religion”. Can we translate this word literally here to speak of the “religion of angels” and have it still make sense? What could it be referring to in that case?