



The Rabbit Named "Rules"

Colossians 2:16-17

"I grew up in a fundamentalist, racist, legalistic church in the American South...a toxic church...." – Author It was Jesus + rules...human achievement...checking the boxes...to be a good Christian.

B.L.U.F. (bottom line up front) – It's relationship, not rules! 2:6-7, 9-10

How can I be close to God...truly spiritual? Consider 3 possible controls:

1. _____ – Bound to the Law

1) _____ of the Law

Mount Sinai, Jesus, Romans & Galatians all shout the purpose of the law – a relationship with God offered by law. That will leave you guilty and defeated...making Christ a beautiful solution.

2) _____ of the Law

Colossians 2:16-17; Galatians 1:6-7; 2:16; 3:1-3

2. _____ – Freedom from the Law

Galatians 5:1; Romans 7

3. _____ – Rejection of the Law

Galatians 5:13; Titus 2:11-14

Romans 6:18 – "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

Romans 6:19b – "...even so now yield you members servants to righteousness unto holiness."

Romans 6:22 – "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."



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