

Living the Christian Life:

It's All About Jesus

Colossians

Introduction:

- Satan's goal is to corrupt your mind from the simplicity that is in Christ.
- *"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."*
2 Corinthians 11:3

Satan wants to convince you in your mind that the basis of your life and ministry is:

Your *performance* - 2:8

- Many of these believers were trying to perform according to men's expectations.
- God never intended for our focus to be on performing and producing. What should be our focus?
- God wants our **focus** to be on the person of Jesus Christ. 1:27, 29
- It is not about results **you** can produce, it's about fruit Christ bears through you.

Your *rules of conduct* - 2:19-23

- The Colossian believers had become obsessed with the correct rules of conduct. 2:20-23
- They were so obsessed with their rules that they were no longer **holding** the Head - Jesus. vs. 19

- True spiritual **growth** only takes place within the context of a personal relationship with Christ. 2:7

Your **abilities** - 1:11, 29

- When you were saved, you did not bring to God a list of your abilities. You simply pleaded the cross; you turned to Christ and trusted Him to save you.
- This is exactly how God wants us to walk **after** we are saved.
- Walking in Christ means you are depending on **His** resources, not your **own**.

- Jesus didn't come to live within you so you could perform better, keep the rules, and serve Him in your power and strength. He came to live within you to express His divine life through you.
- It's not about what **you** can do for Christ - it's about what **Christ** can do through you!