

## Overcoming Opposition

Colossians 2.16-23

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### Introduction

How can we be \_\_\_\_\_ from legalism?

1. Don't submit to false \_\_\_\_\_ - the only person whose opinion matters is God

- Passing \_\_\_\_\_ -- the injunction here is really one of not losing the forest for the sake of the trees.
- Matthew 5.17 ff.; Galatians 3.23-25
- Worship Jesus, not the things that pointed to Jesus.

2. Don't submit to false \_\_\_\_\_ - listen to God, not people

- \_\_\_\_\_ - the instruction here is one of encouragement. Paul is speaking against people who, by a false and pretentious piety, exalt themselves over others as being more spiritual than someone else.

- Ephesians 4.11-16; 1Corinthians 12.12-26
- There is no such thing as two-tier Christianity where some people are better than others. We are one in Christ and we are equal in Christ

2. Don't submit to the \_\_\_\_\_ - there's a new way to live

- Submit to Christ - we have s\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from the ways of the world if we have in fact died with Christ.
- Proverbs 26.11; 2Peter 2.22
- You can't keep new wine in old wineskins

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ on the wrong thing - focus on being and doing

- No \_\_\_\_\_ - even though these things seem like good things they are a sort of spiritual red herring.
- Galatians 5.16 ff.; Romans 8.5-6 --
- Jesus came to give us \_\_\_\_\_ life; let's fill it with the good things of God

### Conclusion

Don't focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ - look up, not down and you will overcome opposition in your quest to follow Jesus.