

Counterfeit Christianity
Colossians 2:16-23

“Therefore ...” – Because Christ is Enough (vv. 6-15)

⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him ... (Col. 2:9-10a)

Counterfeit Christianity _____ (vv. 16-17)

The problem with the false teachers was not that they took the Old Testament too seriously, but that they failed to understand its _____.

To cling to _____ after the _____ has arrived is to misunderstand the entire movement of redemptive history.

Two dangers:

_____ ...

_____ ...

Counterfeit Christianity looks spiritual but is _____ (vv. 18-19)

True Christianity is not ultimately measured by intensity of experience, severity of discipline, or outward religious appearance. It is measured by _____ with Christ.

The truly godly person is not someone frantically trying to maintain a religious _____.

It is someone who is increasingly _____ who God is actually making him to be.

That kind of transformation cannot be manufactured artificially. It is “*a growth that is from God.*”

Counterfeit Christianity cannot _____ (vv. 20-23)

Counterfeit Christianity is obsessed with externals because externals are _____.

External religion treats _____ while leaving the _____ untouched.

It creates the illusion of wisdom, depth, and spirituality, but _____ are not the same thing as _____.

“...but are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.”

These systems cannot accomplish the thing they promise most. They cannot conquer _____.

Only Christ can truly change a person from the inside out.

A question for us all:

Am I practicing authentic Christianity, or merely a convincing _____?

The ultimate aim of the gospel is not simply to make us *look* Christian. It is to _____ us to the image of the Son of God and _____ us for the presence of God.

And that kind of transformation cannot be manufactured through rules, rituals, emotional experiences, or appearances.

It comes only through _____ to Christ the Head.