

**The Life of the Redeemed  
Captive to Philosophy  
Col 2:8-23**

Ritual and Religion v.16-17

- Jesus plus \_\_\_\_\_

Deeper Experience and Intermediaries v.18-19

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Deprivation and Self-Inflicted Suffering v.20-23

- Jesus plus \_\_\_\_\_

**My Response:**

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**Discussion Questions**

***Weekly Memory Verse: "Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize..." Col 2:18a***

How do man made traditions get in the way of real worship and real devotion to God through Jesus Christ?

John Adams (one of the founding fathers of America) wrote "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." How is that true of all laws?

Why are religious observances easier to deal with than the idea of total commitment to Christ? Where are they lacking?

How is adherence to the Lordship of Jesus a stricter and better rule of behavior than laws and legalism?

While few of us practice physical self-torture to promote holiness many practice a more insidious plan of emotional or psychological self-torture to accomplish the same thing. Have you experienced this?

Read Col 3:9-11; Col 1:16, Romans 11:36, Romans 14:7-8, I Cor 6:19-20. What do all these texts have in common?