

The Power of Jesus

Series: There's Nobody Like Jesus!

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Text: Colossians 2:11-23

'Now may the God of peace – who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with His blood – may He equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to Him. All glory to Him forever and ever! Amen!' Hebrews 13:20-21, NLT

Introduction

A believer is not an _____ but an insider.

Salvation is an _____ job.

It's transformation not _____.

The change takes place in the _____.

_____ brings about the change.

Your life will never be the _____ – for good and His glory!

The Power of Jesus is seen in:

- The picture of _____.
'Having been buried with Him in baptism, you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.' (v. 12)
- The power of the _____.
'He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the cross.' (v. 14)
- The promise of great _____.
'Let no one cheat you out of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.' (v. 18, NKJV)

- The people in His _____.
'He doesn't hold on to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, develops with growth from God.' (v. 19)
- The purpose of _____.
'If you died with Christ to the elemental forces of this world, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world?' (v. 20a)
 - It's not _____, diets, and decrees.
'Therefore don't let anyone judge you in regard to food and drink or in the matter of a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day.' (v. 16)
 - But deliverance, diligence, and _____.
'Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.' Galatians 5:1, NKJV

Conclusion

- Beware of the _____ of sin.
'For the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from a snare.' Proverbs 3:26
- Beware of the trappings of _____.
'... Why do you submit to regulations: 'Don't handle, don't taste, don't touch'?' (v. 20b-21)
- _____ in who Jesus is!
 - He is the way, the truth and the life.
'Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.' John 14:6
 - His word is true.
'Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth.' John 17:17

Questions for Small Group:

- What does this passage teach that Jesus did on the cross?
- How does that affect your life?
- How are you living out your faith?
- How are you connecting with and to His body – the church?
- Are you in danger of legalism or are you living full and free?