

Colossians 2:16-23

Free From Fake Formalism

Good morning, Church.

It is a joy to be here with you all.

Please open your Bibles to Colossians chapter 2.

We will resume our study where we left off last time, in verse 16...

We will continue to examine what the Apostle Paul was trying to address in the life of the Colossian Church in the First Century.

It will be interesting to consider the issues in the Church then; we will find they are not much different from those the Church faces today.

I believe it is essential to keep the context of what Paul has said so far.

We must remember that this is a Church that was formed as an outreach of the Church in Ephesus, which would be an extension of Paul's ministry, but not directly from Paul himself.

He had never visited these people he is writing to, but was only informed of the trouble that was building there among the Body of Believers.

We know that cancer forms in our bodies when a group of cells rebels against their design, clumps together, and often forms a mass or tumor.

It can be fatal...

Among the Colossian believers, a segment of the Church was gathering under false teaching, being led into heresy, and rebelling against the truth.

It could be fatal if not dealt with... Paul is writing to deal with the Colossian Heresy firsthand.

It was a mix of Mysticism, with those who sought to add the works of the Law (the Judaizers who

tormented the Church everywhere), and even Gnosticism, which was prevalent in the early Church.

This heresy was attracting new believers who had been saved by the Grace of God, tempting them to return to the constraints of the law and to trust in their own ability to live a righteous, pious life.

But we learned last time, those who are in Christ are free from the handwriting of the law – we are now spiritually circumcised...

When you and I received Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, there is a spiritual removing of the Old Flesh of the heart that takes place, the sin is cut away by Jesus's actions, not our own... and it is nailed to the cross...

And we rejoice now, because we are alive in Christ.

This is a great reason to celebrate, a great reason to worship and rejoice in our Lord...

No longer is the Christian dead in their sin and trespasses...

As Jesus said in John 8:36 “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

Immediately, we are made aware that our salvation is not in the slightest dependent on our living according to a code of conduct.

Many make Christianity about this Fake Outward Expression today...

But we are alive in Christ, and we can rejoice in being Free From Fake Formalism in our expression to Him today.

We have a life transformed by Grace that He has poured upon us to change us and bring us to life...

Today, we will continue with this vital background: those who sought to put free believers back under bondage to the Law.

Remember, Paul just stated that they are alive in Christ, their sins are nailed to the Cross in Christ, and Paul will now apply this truth to the Heresy that tormented the Church.

Let's Pray... and we will get into it...

I want to start with something we saw in Bethlehem last week...

We went into the Church of Nativity, a church commissioned by Constantine himself and his mother, St. Helena, in about 326-339 AD...

The Byzantines undertook restoration after a fire, and the Crusaders also renovated the historic Church.

You walk in through the Door of Humility, an entryway that is designed to make every visitor bow as they come through.

The significance of the Church is downstairs, where a 14-pointed silver star marks the traditional site of Jesus's birth; the site is debated, but it is an early tradition.

Three churches share custody of this Holy Site: the Greek Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Armenian Apostolic Church.

And you can guess that many political games are going on among the three powerhouses.

I spoke last week about the persecuted Christian community in Bethlehem.

Those three Churches generate millions of dollars each year from their respective allegiances, yet none of it reaches their communities...

But within those beautiful buildings, ornaments, golden artifacts, and stained-glass windows are everywhere, with candles burning, so much incredible detail and décor throughout the massive buildings.

A service was underway when we arrived, and it is performed multiple times a day by each Church, taking turns.

Using elaborate, showy expressions, they have to outdo the other churches.

I noticed a fat priest from the Greek Orthodox side, hawkishly watching each visitor enter the sacred

assembly, and he would dart to each man wearing a hat and angrily shout at him to remove it.

If he saw a person with gum in their mouth, he would march that person dramatically over to a golden trash can in the corner of the building to throw the chewing gum away.

I secretly wondered if the priest cared at all about any of these hundreds of visitors that came in every day, about their hearts, about their faith, if they had a relationship with Jesus, if he even cared about their eternal destination...

I knew that he was deeply concerned about those hats, and the gum in our mouths...

I wondered if he cared about that Christian community right outside his Church, that was suffering for the name of Jesus at all?

Then it hit me, it is possible to be surrounded by sacred things, doing religious actions, and still miss the freedom Christ actually died to give us...

I wanted to correct the priest... maybe suggest to him that halitosis, bad breath, is a greater offense, and a hat is not such a big deal, but more a clean heart is what Jesus is concerned about.

This is the kind of foolishness Paul will confront here in Colossians Chapter 2...

A spirituality that looks holy, sounds wise, feels serious, but is ultimately fake formalism.

Rules without a relationship.

Discipline without devotion. Structure without the Savior.

And Paul's message will be simple but powerful...

If you died with Christ, you are free from that kind of religion.

Look with me now at verse 16...

2:16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,

We notice here that Paul is connecting this section with the previous subject matter using the adjoining word, “So.”

Since we are alive in Christ, and He canceled the debt of the Law, and the need even for us to live according to that Law, we need to heed what Paul is saying here.

This is the core of our belief as Christians: we are not to let anyone judge us about what we eat or drink, or about festivals or sabbaths.

This speaks to two groups of individuals.

First, it speaks to us, the believer.

There is no need for insecurity in our walk, to try to strive to please or appease others, to live up to some moral code, especially that Mosaic Law... don't allow someone to put that bondage back on you.

Of course, the first-century believers contended with that more than we do here in modern-day America...

They were not far in time from the early Judaism from which Christianity was born.

Nonetheless, there are still those who believe we need to return to Old Testament regulations as Christians, and this should settle that issue... even a brief read through Galatians.

Our salvation is by Grace and Grace Alone, not of works lest anyone should boast.

If we allow ourselves to be put back under the constraints of the Law, we are in essence saying Jesus is not enough, and we need to add to His work and mission to save us.

Remember His own words in...

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Jesus went to that cross, He allowed the Jews to condemn Him, and the Romans to crucify Him, with Salvation in mind...

Going the other way now, back to the handwritten requirements of the Law, would mean that Jesus did not accomplish what He set out to do.

We should not let the fear of others, the judgment of others, the pressure of others, push us back under the yoke of that bondage.

The early Church really struggled with this, being predominantly Jewish at first, but then breaking forth into the Gentile world, things began to change and look a lot different...

Remember what was debated at the first Jerusalem Council... And the conclusion they reached... As Peter rose up and spoke...

Acts 15:10-11 "Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? **11 But**

we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

And resolve in your heart and mind, when that pressure comes from the agents of spiritual constraint, not be moved by it at all.

Now, the second group of people this speaks to is those agents of spiritual constraint, the keepers of old chains, the builders of yokes Christ never gave... the legalists... Those who would put others under this judgment.

And still today, some get very excited about their own convictions regarding food, and some even revert to the old Levitical system, festivals, and Sabbath observance.

They find some spiritual benefit or maybe a health benefit, and they start to heap judgment upon others who do not follow them in their observance of them.

And especially since the advent of social media, diet fads and new findings seem to sweep in every week.

I remember working with a guy who was convinced the Daniel Diet was the diet we all needed to be on to achieve optimal health... and he wasn't content to follow it himself; he felt every believer needed to be on it... It was a matter of keeping the temple of God pure.

Of course, as long as he was following the diet well, he totted this doctrine, held his head high, but this is the thing with these types, they usually don't have longevity...

And soon, he was eating In and Out with us at lunch... and the strange thing is his judgment of others never budged.

The reality is that there may be healthier diets, and I guarantee that right now someone has a new one to sell you on in your social media thread, but it has no bearing on our spiritual life.

We have to be careful to think the standard we are living in life is God's standard...

We all do it... You know I can eat okay most weeks... and I like to eat well... I feel better, that's for sure...

But the way Jess budgets... she gets a big Costco and Aldi haul at the beginning of the month... for our big family... it is a big haul...

And there is one thing she gets... that gets me... and I can eat so good all day long... high protein and I am sticking to it...

But in the first two to three weeks, we have Lucky Charms, and Fruit Loops, and all kinds of yummy cereal... and she told me once that since she gets it from Aldi, it is better... and that is all I needed to hear.

But I just cannot resist that temptation every night... I fight it... and fight it... and after we get those kids to bed... and the stress of the day... I pour me a man-sized bowl... and I get a big man-sized spoon, and I get down on some junk food cereal...

And I think, you know, other Christians need to just live a little, everything in moderation... don't get so legalistic...

But toward the end of the month... we are down to the shredded wheat... corn flakes... the temptation is not so much there... and I can stick to my diet pretty good... I go to bed without my little splurge...

And I start to think... You know, other Christians just need a little self-control in their lives... they just need to eat a little more pure... after all, this is the temple of the Holy Spirit... and my standard for everyone changes based on how I am living my life...

If I am exercising well... I think... You know, people should be more disciplined...

If I have a bad week...

And I will tell them "bodily exercise profits little man, but godliness is profitable for all things..."

There, my standard again takes the higher road...

But the thing is, we are not the standard at all, we are not the standard of holiness, we look to the Word, it was established in God's Word...

And if you eat organic, it does not mean you are more spiritually superior to those who cannot afford non-organic.

God educated Peter about his superior mindset...

Acts 10:13-16 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." **14** But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."
15 And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."
16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

Peter, who had never considered eating something unclean, was here taught by the Lord that God made clean now what was prohibited by the Law.

Jesus's death fulfilled all of the Law, even the dietary portions.

Consider what Jesus taught in

Matt 15:16-19 "Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

I really love Jesus's concepts on life, His simple perceptions, "Listen, that food you put in your body will be digested and come out... but what comes out of your mouth, that reveals your heart, and that shows if your defiled or not."

1 Cor. 8:8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

Of course, we want to be healthy, and gluttony is a sin, and in our culture, that is probably a separate teaching.

But we need to keep things in perspective. Biblically, the type of food we eat is not a spiritual flex on others.

The same with Jewish Festivals, Jesus is the fulfillment of them all.

Now, as far as the Sabbath, since I spent so much time on the dietary laws, I will say this: it is important to take the principle of rest... It is probably wise to take a day of rest... for us, the Sabbath is every day, Jesus is our rest, but we should take a day of rest every week.

Jess and I try to take Monday off, but it isn't always possible; we set it aside for rest and to gather ourselves.

Sunday, of course, is my main workday. Tuesday through Friday, I am here at the Church full-time. Saturday is my Preparation Day; today, Monday, is my day to hang with the Misses.

We usually go to the gym after school drop off, then get breakfast, where we solve all the world's problems, then go home and take a nap, among other things, then it is time for school pick up, and it is complete and utter chaos with all the kids... that is our Sabbath.

But the only value we have as a Gentile Church in respect to the Festivals and Sabbaths is to study them to see how they point to Jesus.

Paul writes this next in verse 17...

17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

We can see that those things were never given to the Gentiles to observe, but to the Jews, as a shadow of things to come, pointing to Jesus as the fulfillment.

Everything in that Old Law served as a tutor, pointing us to our need for Jesus.

Gal 3:24-25 Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **25** But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

It all was a shadow of things to come, and why relate to the shadow when we can relate to the real thing in Jesus?

Jess surprised all the kids when I got home from Israel, and she picked them up from school.

And she had me waiting in the living room for them, and how ridiculous would it have been if they all came running in, and just hugged my shadow... “Dad, we are so glad you are home!”

No, the real dad was right there...

Well, that is what it is like when someone receives Jesus as their Lord and Savior, their real deal, then they go back to the shadow to find comfort and security in their relationship with Him.

Why go back to the Law when you have Jesus, the real deal, who fulfilled it all?

Then Paul says this in verse 18...

18 Let no one cheat you 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,

Here, Paul lays out a warning to those who would turn believers from the reality we have in Christ, to the shadow found in the Old Law...

This could disqualify a person from their reward, from their prize... Perhaps the Bema Seat rewards are being weighed here...

Paul, continuing with the context of those who put a heavy trip on the young Colossian believers, and binding them under the weight of religion and false teaching, and judging them by their own self-imposed rules, he is saying here, don't let that judgment cheat you out of your rewards...

Distracting you from what you have in Christ.

Paul brings in another part of this Heresy from this early deception... Angel Worship...

Ascetics held the idea of false humility: by not going to the higher Deity and instead going to a lower agent, they were showing self-denial and self-mortification.

I would never speak with Jesus... I will go to one of His angels... or a Saint... or His mother...

It was a false piety... it is actually an offense to all the scriptures testify of our Lord and the work He did on the cross.

These ascetics or super-spiritual man pleasers would do things like sleep on rocks, walk on hot coals, whip their own backs... always trying to outdo the monk down the way.

Today, they are still among us... the spiritual boasters...

When you talk about anything you have done for the Lord...

They always have a story to outdo yours... they never even hear yours... they want you to finish talking so they can punch theirs in... to one up yours.

You shared the Lord with your co-worker... they shared with three.

You read your Word this morning... they read their Bible and 3 commentaries...

So, the spiritual heresy among the Colossians seems to include this false humility: to be so humble that we do not even address the Son of God; instead, we pray only to Raphael, the angel of healing.

Or we pray to the angel of prosperity...

Which the Bible expressly forbids... Anytime we see an angel show up on the pages of Scripture and the person bows down...

The angel will say something to the effect...

Rev 22:9 "*See that you do not do that.* For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

They are more agents of God, never magnified or worshipped or prayed to...

They are God's servants, never to be exalted, even though they are mighty created beings.

This Heresy among the Colossians included some form of angelology.

They were bypassing the Word of God and the Spirit of God, and through their false humility, really opening themselves up to demonic and spiritual activity, because Satan can manipulate this kind of experience.

Paul says that this person is falsely puffed up and disconnected from Jesus.

Look now, verse 19...

19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase *that is* from God.

We see clearly here that anyone trying to reach God through anyone or anything other than through His Son, Jesus Christ, is a form of false religion and idolatry.

Jesus Christ is the One and Only Mediator between God and Man.

1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

True worship humbles oneself to obedience to what God's Word reveals to us, to correct doctrine...

God gave His Son as the only Mediator between Him and us.

Anything different than that is false and disconnected from the Head of the Body, Christ...

Paul is using a wonderful word picture here for us to put into our imaginations: We are His Body, each joint supplied by Him, Christ who is the Head.

The Body is made up of many parts, we are all unique, made to do different things within the Body of Christ...

But we are all connected to one Head, controlled by the Head.

We cannot allow anyone to deceive us, to disconnect us from the One that supplies our guidance and nourishment.

Keeping Jesus at the focal point of our communication and at the center of our Biblical Doctrine is where growth and genuine spiritual understanding come from.

Reject these mystical and legalistic ideas that these super-spiritual false teachers promote.

Jesus is where our focus needs to be, and we must not allow our emotions to lead, not the Law, not sensationalism, but His Word alone...

20 Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as *though* living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations — **21** "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," **22** which all concern things which perish with the using — according to the commandments and doctrines of men?

Church, understand something, we know that Jesus died to remove our guilt from our lives.

We died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, and we are no longer obligated to live by their rules.

Those who go about imposing the harsh rules and regulations upon God's people don't understand the damage they are doing most of the time.

I thank God for the young lady God put in my wife's life to lead her in her discipleship when we first gave our lives to the Lord.

You have to understand, we came out of a life of sexual immorality and depravity that was very shocking to the Church-cultured people.

Some did not like Jess and me... and at times, it did feel like people would rather we go back to where we came from...

But the young lady whom the Lord connected with Jess was from what seemed to be another planet.

Nichole was homeschooled, a pastor's daughter, very modest; in fact, the only person she had ever kissed was her husband, and they had their first kiss on their wedding day.

And you know Nicki disciplined Jess, but her discipleship was never a list of dos and don'ts...

Nichole just set the example before her, lived life with her, and loved Jess, and from their two different worlds God bound their hearts together...

Still to this day... and God did begin to change Jess over time...

But those legalists in the Church, if it was not for Nicki's tender friendship, I wonder sometimes what would have happened...

I know that today, nothing gets my wife more fired up than legalism in the Church...

When we were in youth ministry... It seemed to be a constant fight with the "Thou shalt not" Club in the Church...

I remember one young man, just freshly given his life to Jesus, and he was coming around for a couple weeks, you could start to see joy in his eyes, freedom in his life, God was beginning to work, free from smoking weed, the homosexual leanings he had... it was incredible...

But that sanctification process was not working as fast as some thought it should... and he came to church with an old band shirt on, a secular band shirt...

And he didn't make it into the youth room in time, and one of the Thou Shall Nots in the Church got a hold of that poor kid, not knowing his story fully...

He got a legalistic tirade... and that person did not know the kid was poor or that the kid did not have many clothes to choose from. He just grabbed a shirt out of the dresser, not even thinking about what he grabbed, just wanted to get to Church...

And there he was getting a lecture... and he was gone... he wanted Jesus, not religion... we would lose so many kids to that kind of thing... when the Thou

Shall Nots in the Church got a hold of those kids about their modesty, their piercings, their tattoos, their pregnancies...

Jess and I were trying to reach into the highways and byways... and it was a constant battle...

Jesus actually frees us from the burdens of the have-tos...

I never want my children to do anything in the Church because they have to...

I don't want them to worship because they are the pastor's kids and need to set the example, or something like that...

No, I want them to be so in love with Jesus that when the changes come to them, we know something supernatural is happening in their lives.

I don't want any person to have to do anything here for anyone, no performance for anyone....

I want people to fall so in love with Jesus that Jesus becomes the agent of Change in that person...

The Holy Spirit, working in conjunction with God's Word, produces that change in their life...

Performance religion is a yoke too heavy for anyone to bear...

Paul is warning here against these doctrines of men...

Let's wrap this up with verse 23...

23 These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, *false* humility, and neglect of the body, *but are* of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

I believe the message is clear for us this morning:

The Lord wants us to break the bondage of legalism with the words of the Apostle here.

Look what Paul says here: "These things have an appearance of wisdom."

It seems like the spiritual elite are on to something at times. If we could do a little better here and there and

add the law to all of this, it would prove that we are in Christ and that we are wonderful people.

But Jesus actually taught more simply:

John 13:35 “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Not by our working up a religious ladder or gaining some mystical knowledge...

They seem to be spiritual, but they are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh...

The answer to legalism is the spiritual reality we have in Christ... and the answer to mysticism is the spiritual union we have with Christ, who is the Head of the Church...

We have this great privilege, Church of having an intimate fellowship with Jesus Christ in worship, in Word and in Prayer...

And with that, we gain true victory over the flesh and sin, by the Power of the Holy Spirit, not through this

temporary pressure of trying to please our fellow man...

It never lasts this way...

Our flesh will always fail apart from the Power supplied by our God... Self-Control is part of the Fruit of the Spirit.

We are part of something far greater than just a social gathering where we check off each other's moral checklists.

Yep, he is wearing that this week... yes, she has a dress past her knees... okay... my kids did not swear this week... and look, little Ralphy can recite all the books of the Bible at three years old...

And all these checklists...

We are more than just a religious institution where we check off our spiritual duties and make sure we check in and check off each week.

Freedom, my son, had a bad day at school. I overheard his sister, Lola, saying, “Free, I was calling you. I saw you standing by yourself, sad.”

She said it was the second time she had seen him like that.

So, I had to run an errand that evening, and I was heading out the door, and I remembered that little conversation, and thought, “I'd better see what is going on.”

So, I called Freedom from the front door, “Let’s go, bud.”

I asked him about that incident... “Hey, buddy, ten years old is pretty tough, isn’t it? What is going on at school?”

He has ADHD, and sometimes it is hard for him to connect with the other kids.

He told me that this kid keeps bullying him, promising that if he keeps bringing him his 3D-printed dragons,

Freedom has a vast collection of these things, but the kid will be his friend.

And twice now, the kid has taken it and not been his friend.

He said, “Dad, he makes fun of me, and all the kids leave me out; they say they have way more skins than me on Fortnite, and that I am a loser.”

And I know Free's mouth can get going, too.

But, I said, “Freedom, I want you to think about something...”

Now that he is ten, we can get into bigger concepts...

I told him, “You know, when we are at home, I know your family feels pretty regular, you and your brothers fight it out, you and your sisters get into it, you have chores to do, mom and dad are pretty normal.”

Life seems like it is like everybody else, and maybe as you compare it to those kids at school, you have less, and you feel less than them.

But consider something, that Church we gather at each week, something big is taking place there. Freedom, you are connected to something so much bigger than Fortnite skins, and 3D Dragons...

There are a few families there who gather, and we are all connected to Jesus... and He teaches us a different way.

Do you ever think about how your super normal family gathers in a place that other super normal families are drawn to, and we all come together for a common cause...

To reach others... we are not living for ourselves, for what we are going to get in life, or for how we can trick people into giving us toys... we are learning from Jesus how to give our lives away...

It is entirely different...

And we literally just made an appointment to get all the kids' passports on Monday...

So, I told him, “This Monday, we are going to get your passport started, so you can start going on adventures for Jesus, and get out of this little world of ‘me’ we live in.”

I could see his spirits lift as he realized his life was connected to Jesus, the Head of this fantastic Body...

He said, “Wait, are you and Mom the bosses?” I said, “Nope. The people are coming for Jesus, but we are all growing together, to learn from Him, to reach people for Him.”

We are on the radio, on YouTube, and on social media, trying to reach people...

Freedom says, “Dad, I know about YouTube, from my friends at school, do we have followers?” I said, yeah, man, people are on there.

And his little heart was so excited to be a part of all this...

That bully in his life became so little at that point...

He came home and told his sisters he couldn't wait to go to Mexico and go on mission trips for Jesus.

His whole perspective and purpose changed... one conversation... one thing we are doing here as a Church.

What are we teaching our kids? This place is all about...

Are we teaching them that this is a place that will prepare them to be good little people...?

Or are you teaching them what the Bible shows us, that we are invited in to join our God in His Kingdom Work here on earth?

Are you here to become a better person... or are you here to be a part of changing the world... to join Jesus in His Work of redeeming the Lost to Himself.

Is Christ preeminent in your life? Are you drawing on His Spiritual power? Then there is no need for artificial rules...

When you are a part of something where Christ is preeminent... You are part of something supernatural, beyond our little lives, beyond selfishness, beyond petty little religion...

We are swept into Heaven's Will at that point... and the thrill of it all does not even give us time to consider self...

Who cares if people are wearing hats in church...

We want to see souls swept into the Kingdom of God.

Maybe you have lost sight of what this is all about this morning.

Maybe Church has become a religious experience for you, and you have lost sight of Jesus and being connected to Him... and simply being a part of the Big Picture and what He is doing here on earth...

If a straightforward conversation and mind shift can change a ten-year-old boy's thinking, surely yours can this morning...

You have to get out of your manmade, homemade, artificially-made religion...

Declare, believe, and live like Christ is enough...

Don't live for man's eyes... live for your Savior's, who bled and died for you...

Sin will not have dominion over you, because your love for Him will be so great... He will give you the Power to overcome...

If you are struggling with legalism this morning, please get prayer... it is one of the deadliest sins on earth...

If you are struggling under the pressure of man pleasing... looking good for others... repent this morning...

If you need to be free of your sin this morning, come to Christ and be free... apart from religion... come to your Savior...

Let's pray...