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## How The Gospel Frees Us From Religion

Week of March 5, 2017

Colossians 2:6-12

### engage it

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1. **What did freedom mean to you when you were in high school? When you got out on your own for the first time? What does it mean to you today?**
  
2. **Recall a time when you felt “imprisoned” by an unfulfilling job, a bad habit, illness, or financial debt. How did you become free from that situation? How would you describe the sense of freedom you experienced at that time?**

### unpack it

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3. **Read Colossians 2:6-12. What does it mean to “walk in Him,” that is, Jesus Christ? Give specific examples of what this looks like in your life.**
  
4. **Why do you think Paul chose the word “rooted” in verse 7? What does such imagery convey about the nature of the believer?**

- 5. What do you think being built up or established looks like in a person's life (v. 7)?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6. Are competing philosophies to the faith easily recognizable? Why or why not?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7. What are some ways people try to add to the Gospel? How might we guard ourselves against teaching that would add to the Gospel?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 8. Why should verse 10 be the believer's response when threatened with false doctrine or philosophy?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 9. According to this passage, what role does identity play in combatting false doctrine?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 10. Why is remembering the great act of God at the cross necessary for us to walk with Him?**

**11. In verses 11-12, what two acts does Paul mention and what is the significance of each of these?**

**12. Why does knowing that Jesus has all authority important for combatting false doctrines and philosophy?**

**13. What does our walk with God look like if we fail to remember the gospel?**

live it

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**14. Reflect on John 17:17. How might studying the Bible and its essential doctrines prepare you to respond to false teaching? Are reading and studying the Bible regular practices for you? If not, what can you do this week to begin to immerse yourself in the Word of Truth?**

**15. Based on what we've studied this week, what do you need to improve?**