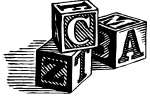


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Relationship of the Cross to the Lenten Season," (Col. 2:16-23).



Basic Ideas from Colossians 2:16-23.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the object casting the shadows of life.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose Christ above all things created.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in His immeasurable person and work.



Basic Questions from Colossians 2:16-23.

1. From the previous verses, why is no one to act as our judge?
2. How are food, drink, festivals, etc., described in verse 17?
3. What is the shadow in relation to the substance?
4. Who is the substance casting the shadow?
5. What is the danger of the shadow?
6. What is the prize?
7. What are we suppose to focus on in verse 19?
8. What logic does Paul use in verse 20 to show why we are not to be enslaved to the shadow?
9. How does Paul conclude this paragraph? What value does the shadow have in fighting against fleshly indulgences?
10. How does Colossians 3:1 begin, and what is the relationship between 3:1-4 and 2:16-23?
11. How might this passage change the way you think and behave?
12. What application can we make from this text?



The **Basic Application** from Colossians 2:16-23.

1. Are you thinking about God? Do you see yourself and your activities as a part of His one story?
2. Are you thanking God that this is all about Him and not about you?
3. Are you thanking God that the person and work of Jesus Christ is enough, and that there is nothing more for you to do before the Father to earn His favor?
4. Are you surrounded by clutter? Is your view of God blocked by "things"? I cannot tell you what that clutter is. But I believe you know what it is. May God grant you the power to remove those things in your life that block your view of Him.
5. May God use this time to awaken us to His Story and how we are a part of it. May this time be a time of deepening and growth.
6. What does this story cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?

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