

**Colossians V
Not Legalism**

10:00 am *5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO -

10:05 am LIVE SHOT – ** Worship –

WELCOME to The Peak CC Church --- Online Platform – 1st time ... come in as a guest But you leave as family...

Self Intro - PEAK INTRO Young /Vibrant / Life Giving Church in the HEART of Peekskill.

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord.

***Online Connect Card * RightNow Media**

Building Update: - Building Fund - conference room empty space multi use room for weekly ministries..

Remember: Mon: small Groups / Tue: Prayer / Wed: Women's Small Group Thu: Bible Study / Sat: *THANK the men that came out to Men's Breakfast*

Prayers for 1st Responders. PVAC - PD - FireFighters - International Crisis Response UKRAINE -

Hudson Valley Leadership Summit... THIS SATURDAY!!!

NEXT WEEK: ** Bill Kirk ** Network Superintendent

10:30 AM ** Announcements Video - Tithing

Happy Post Resurrection Sunday

The Tomb is STILL Empty

We had a little break: Hosting Hoving Home ladies... Palm Sunday “Unrealized Expectations “.... Easter Sunday...U R Part II Leading us into TODAY.

A few weeks ago before all of those AMAZING SERVICES... we began a sermon series Titled “Colossians” - Preaching through the Book which it brings us to today's message.

App / Content plug

Confession: Hatred of Tight Systems... the More rigid.. The more uncomfortable / claustrophobic I become... I generally have an issue w/ authority.. Don't come at me flexing your title when you have zero experience..

Now systems & procedures are important... and an organization cannot be sustainable without them... but too many of them will choke the life out of the ministry ..

What is one to do? - on one side ... too loose an organization... the greater the inability to rise above demands

....too rigid an organization... the more uncomfortable it is to live within it.

Can there be a perfect balance between the two??

How many people know that the Jews had a very, very RIGID system??

613 laws that governed 3 aspects of life ... how to live & worship God.... how to live with each other.... & How to live life with even those neighbors that hate us??

basically a *list of do's & don'ts that kept everyone in check... or so they thought..*

NO MATTER HOW HARD & DISCIPLINED you think you are in your mind....You'll eventually realize you have to deal with your heart...

The attitude: "*I'm doing IT cause I HAVE too... NOT cause I want to*"

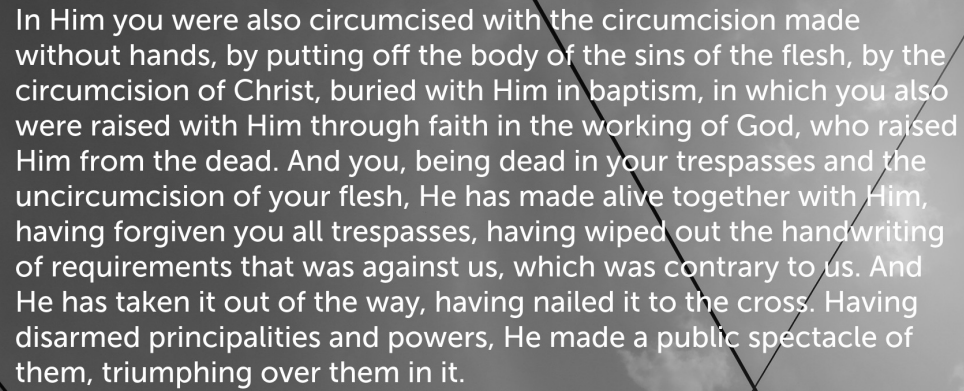
THAT'S LEGALISM

In the previous message Paul explained how Mystical polytheism was infiltrating and influencing the saints... how that was empty philosophies with “Vacant Ethics”

Today we’ll see how Legalism is also a form of compromise from what Jesus fulfilled on the CROSS..

Colossians 2:11-15 NKJV

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.



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Opening Prayer

What is Circumcision?

CIRCUMCISION (מִלָּה, *mulah*; περιτομή, *peritomē*). The ritual act of incising or removing a male child's foreskin eight days after birth (Gen 17:12; Lev 12:3; Luke 2:21). A sign of Abraham's covenant with God (Gen 17:9–14).

LBD

Cutting off flesh from a man's – Most sensitive body part...

Hits the male ego!! Strikes at the very reproductive appendage and the source of every man's pride..

It symbolizes our reliance on God ... and NOT in ourselves...

But Now We're talking about a circumcision "Not Made w/ Hands"

Contrary to the teachings of these false teachers or Judaizers. Telling new converts to Christ that they MUST adhere to these old ritualistic practices observing the "Law".

Romans 2:25-29 NKJV

25 For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? 27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law?

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

Paul argues that circumcision loses its value for those who disobey the rest of the law. Circumcision proves that a person did not act out of ignorance when they transgressed; they knew the requirements of the law and still broke it.

The outward sign of circumcision does not reflect faithfulness in the inward life of a man.

Paul's definition of circumcision included three elements: spiritual circumcision, putting off sinful nature, and the circumcision of Christ.

It's not about the outward appearance of observation... but an inward desire to DO according to His Good Pleasure.

Paul compares circumcision to baptism.. Where the believer identifies with the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

He has “wiped out” the “handwritten requirements” - Nailed them to the CROSS!!

Old debits paid in full would be nailed to a person's *door* so all others can see the debt was paid...

The CROSS is the DOOR that gets us into His Presence..

Col 2:16–19 NKJV

16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. 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, 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.

Old Testament mysteries concealed... NOW in the New Testament Revealed..

Shadows & types of the real thing...

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? 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.

So many of us can fall into religious ritual.... Still trusting in ourselves.. Our own ability to live out a Righteous life... or

We carry the weight of our past.. We look at the Holiness of God and His Law written by His Hand on tablets of Stone & the expectation that is placed on us...

SHAME / GUILT / Disappointment leading to ... Isolation

Can I encourage YOU.... GET UP OUT OF THAT GRAVE... HE ROSE so you can RISE....

He did it for me.... He'll do it for YOU...

What are you carrying?? What is the weight of your sin?

RIGHT NOW... HE wants to WIPE OUT His own Handwritten requirements.. So YOU can enter into His Presence ...

WIPE OUT: *exaleipho* (ex-al-eye-foe)



From *Ek*, “out” and *aleipho*, “to anoint” ; hence, to wipe out, erase, wipe off.

Take a washcloth and anoint w/ oil to wipe away and clean...

Jesus has taken His garments and anointed it w/ His Blood to wash away your contamination...He has obliterated the demands of SIN.... which is death..

IN HIM we now have LIFE...

Closing Prayer - Call to Action

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us...Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

NEXT WEEK we're gonna HOVING HOME!!!!

INVITE A FRIEND!!!

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

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