

LIFE GROUPS—Week of Nov. 23 (Study 11)

“On Religious Substitutes” (Col. 2:16-23)

In this section, Paul issues warnings if believers are to enjoy what we have in Jesus Christ. Having been made alive in Christ, Christians must be vigilant concerning religious substitutes.

1. Because our sin debt has been fully paid by Jesus at the Cross, (“Therefore” (v. 16) refers back to the previous verses), what is Paul’s concern now? (v. 16)
2. What is the difference between “shadow” and “substance”? (v. 17)
3. What is self-made religion? (v. 23)
4. What is the common denominator in all religious substitutes? (vv. 20-23)
5. Who is the “head” of the “body”? (v. 19)