



BEFORE ALL
THINGS

IN MY HEART
Week 6: Religion vs Relationship

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COLOSSIANS

SCRIPTURE

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)— according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh. *Colossians 2:16-23*

THE POINT

Religion says my activity earns
a right standing before God.

**The gospel says Jesus' activity
earns a relationship with God.**

FINAL THOUGHT

“God must do everything for us.
Our part is to yield and trust.”

– A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

“The Christian does not think God will
love us because we are good, but that God will
make us good because He loves us.”

– C.S. Lewis

READING PLAN

Mon: Colossians 2:16-23

Tue: Romans 8:1-18

Wed: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Thu: Matthew 23:23-36

Fri: Galatians 3:10-14

Sat: Acts 17:22-31

