

THE DEEPER LIFE – Liberty For All

Colossians 2:11-23

Oligarchy - a small group of people having control of a country, organization, or institution.

First - Christ our Circumcision. (v.11)

(Deuteronomy 30:6) And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

(Hebrews 8:12) “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

Second - Christ our Baptism. (v.12, 13)

Romans 6:1-11

“reckon” – *logizomai* – calculate; determine, purpose, to decide.

(Romans 8:14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

“The law is the wise restraint that makes men free!” – (1911 Commencement Speech)

To be baptized in Christ, *living a life fully immersed in Christ.*

(Matthew 10:39) He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Third - Christ our Acquittal. (v.14, 15)

(Romans 8:3-4) For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Dismissal with prejudice - it is dismissed permanently. A case dismissed with prejudice is over and done with, once and for all, and can't be brought back to court.

“Spectacle” – a public repudiation.

Fourth - Christ our Substance. (v.16-23)

Substance: – *soma* – living body.

(1 Corinthians 4:20) For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

Four characteristics of false teachers:

- (1) False humility.**
- (2) Voodoo religion.**
- (3) Vainly puffed up.**
- (4) Not holding fast to the head.**

(v.23) (James 4:7-10) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

CONCLUSION: (Galatians 5:1) Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.