

Colossians 2:8-15 – Beware of the Trap

1. Don't be taken captive by a system of rules (v. 8)
2. You already have everything in Jesus (vv. 9-10)
3. You are already set free from sin in Jesus (vv. 11-12)
4. You have been delivered to debt-free life in Jesus (vv. 13-15)

Questions for us? In what ways might we fall into the trap of believing that following religious rules makes us a better Christian? What rules might we add to judge people by? What might be some of the unspoken rules or manner at CCH we expect people to conform to? In verse 8 how was this also a problem for the Colossians? In verses 9-10, how does Paul counter the trap of believing you can be a better Christian by following religious rules? In light of these verses how should we think about Jesus? How should we think about ourselves? What way should we look to avoid the trap? How do verses 11-12 counter the trap of religious rules? Why is Paul talking about circumcision and how does it apply to a Christian? What is the link between circumcision and baptism? Where do these verses tell us to look to avoid the trap? Do we know the feeling of guilt we our past sins come to mind? How does vv. 13-15 help with that? What has Jesus' death on the cross achieved for us? What way should we look to avoid the trap?