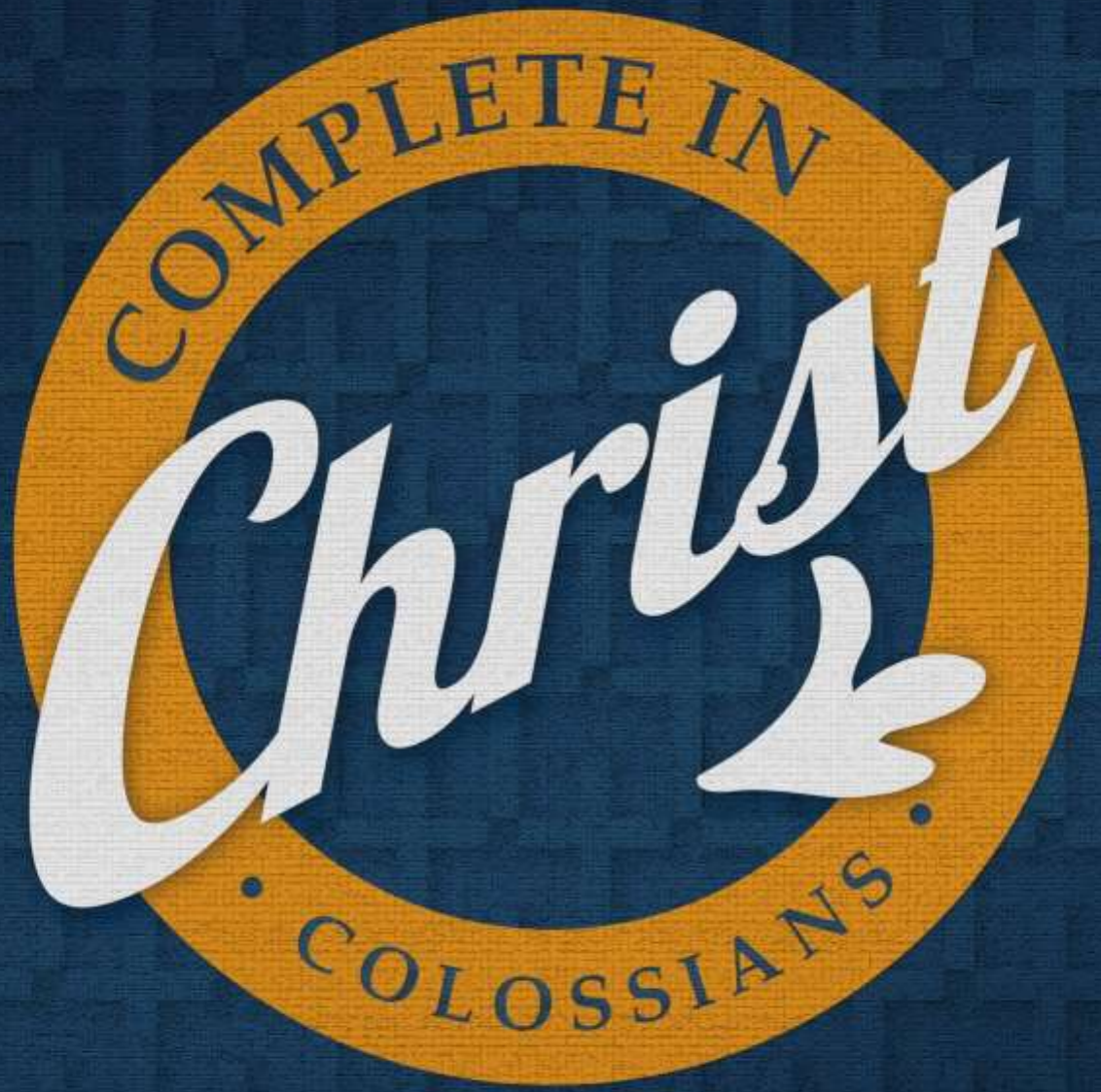
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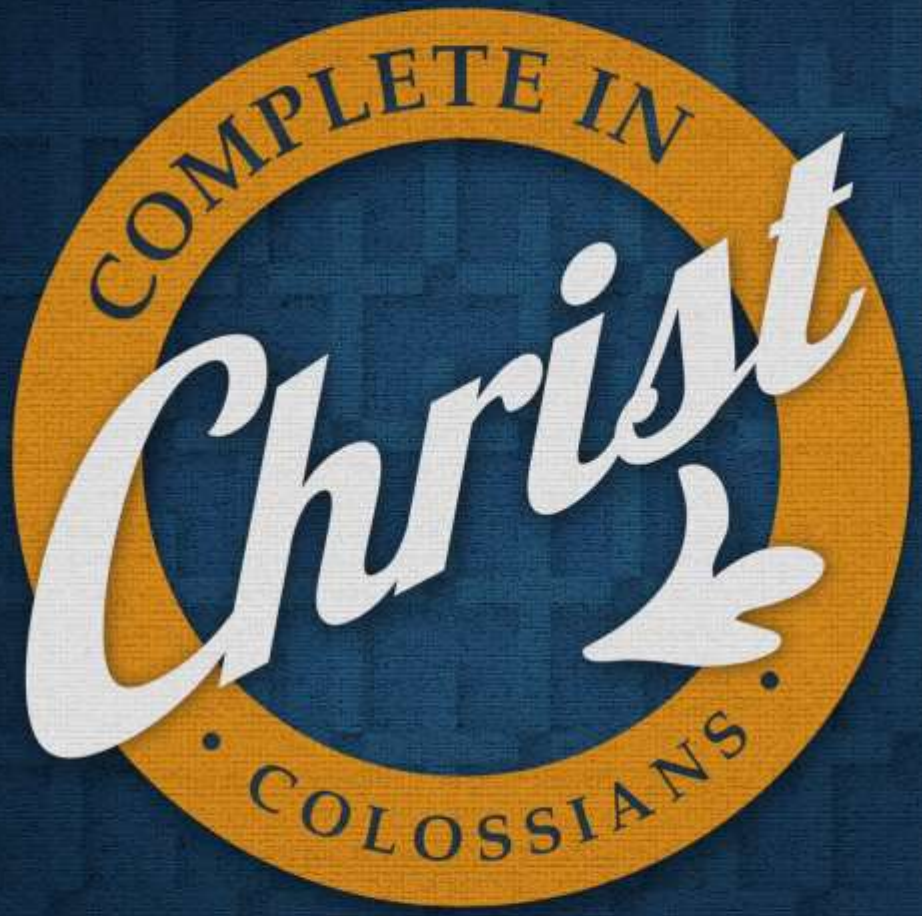

The Substance Belongs to Christ

Colossians 2:16-23

Legalism can have various forms:

- Legalism is believing that salvation can be earned by obedience.
- Believing that one can obey the Bible through his own will and power for the purpose of gaining a greater measure of God's approval and favor.
- Legalism elevates man-made rules above the Scripture.

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“Beloved, now we are children of God” [STOP]

1 Jn 3:2



“… Paul's teaching on justification hit me that day as never before. Indeed, I had always believed I was justified, but I guess I treated my justification as some sort of legal fiction that had little direct bearing on the mechanics of how God related to me and how I related to Him. I suppose I would have imagined God saying, "Yeah, technically you're justified, but I'm angry with you anyway for what you did today!" But now I realized that absolutely 100% of the wrath I deserve for my sins was truly spent on Jesus, and there is none of God's anger left over for me to bear, even when I fail God as a Christian.”

Vincent, Milton. A Gospel Primer for Christians

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Legalism: anti-gospel



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Mysticism

"Mysticism may be defined as the pursuit of a deeper or higher subjective religious experience. It is the belief that spiritual reality is perceived apart from the human intellect and natural senses. It looks for truth internally, weighing feelings, intuition, and other internal sensations more heavily than objective, observable, external data."

John MacArthur

"He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But he who walks wisely will be delivered" Pro 28:26

Mysticism Dangers:

"It gets you to base your spiritual life on an unreal idea of God, a God you're supposed to 'make real' in your life by having the right experience. … Instead of learning what God says about Himself in His Word, you have to dance with shadows in your own heart and figure out which of them to call God… this "almost superstitious preoccupation" with what one feels, "so far from being a sign of deep spirituality," is an "eccentricity."

Steven Yuille
https://thecbcd.org/resources/dont-follow-your-heart-the-danger-of-mysticism

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