



**Series:** Colossians Established in Jesus  
**Passage** Colossians 2:18-23  
**Title:** Relationship Over Religion  
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## Discussion Starter

“Jesus is enough, Jesus + Nothing = Everything!!” The faith of the Pharisees became about worshipping man-made rules. Do you admire people that appear to follow all the rules? Why is it so easy to fall into this type of pattern? Are there rules that you hold too high? (Prayer, tithing, serving, etc).

## “Jesus Plus” is not the gospel (verse 18)

- What does Paul mean by “reward”? As believers our salvation is assured, so how is it possible to be cheated of this reward?
- How are the false humilities described by Paul and rigid religious practices related? What does Paul mean by false humility?
- Why is worshipping angels a problem? How do we know what is appropriate to worship?
- What consumes you that might fill the blank space of Jesus + ----- ? What do you worship?
- Read Romans 1:16. How does this apply to this discussion?

## To be established is relationship over religion (verses 19-23)

- What does Paul mean by “not holding fast to the Head”?
- If you are not getting guidance from Jesus, where do you typically turn for guidance? For the definition right and wrong?
- What does it mean to compartmentalize our lives? What are the positive things about this?
- What are the dangers of compartmentalization? Which compartments are directed by Jesus? Who is directing the other compartments?
- Read Romans 6:3-4. How is this related to being cheated?
- If we are not required to follow religious rules for our salvation, then what is their purpose?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the fulfillment of scripture?
- How is “Jesus Plus” a form of bondage? See Mark 7:6-8. How does this cheat you of your reward?