

Connect

In the world today, should someone always experience opposition to their Christian faith? How? (See: John 15:17-18)

Verses - Colossians 2:11-23 (NKJV)

11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made
without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the
circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also
were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised
Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him,
having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting
of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He
has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having
disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them,
triumphing over them in it. 16 So let no one judge you in food or in
drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a
shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. 18 Let no one
cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of
angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed
up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom
all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows
with the increase that is from God. 20 Therefore, if you died with Christ
from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world,
do you subject yourselves to regulations— 21“Do not touch, do not taste,
do not handle,” 22 which all concern things which perish with the
using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 These
things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion,
false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the
indulgence of the flesh.

Study

1. Paul talks about circumcision (and baptism), which is a distinct ritual of the Jews, with the church in Colossians. Why would he bring up circumcision with them? (v.11, Galatians 3:7, 13–14, 5:2-3, 6)

   KEY CONCEPTS: ABRAHAMIC COVENANT, OT->NT CHANGES, GOSPEL DEFENSE, UNITY

2. What has been “nailed to the cross” in v.14? Why is that so significant?

   KEY CONCEPTS: CHRISTIAN LIFE, THE ATONEMENT, VICTORY OVER SIN, CONFIDENCE, GUILT

3. What instructions does Paul give for defending opposition from v.16? How are they effective? Name at least two.

   KEY CONCEPTS: CHRISTIAN LIBERTY, DISCERNMENT, CHRIST’S AUTHORITY, AUTHENTICITY

SHARE 1: How does being saved by faith alone, give you rest? How have you experienced rest in the Lord Jesus in your walk with Him?

SHARE 2: How does having confidence in being saved by faith alone, spur you to love other Christians? How does is it cause you to worship Him?

Magnify

Based on today’s lesson, share and/or in prayer:

- What might you be able to confess?
- What can you praise God about who He is?
- What can you thank Him for?
- How can you serve Him better?