Our Salvation Is A Done Deal - But Beware! Colossians 2:6-23 Sermon Series: Clash Of Kingdoms, Pt. 5 June 28, 2015

<u>Colossians 2:6,</u> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, ⁷rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Our Salvation In Christ <u>NEEDS NOTHING</u>

<u>Colossians 2:13</u>, When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. <u>He</u> forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; <u>He has</u> taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, <u>He made a public spectacle of them</u>, triumphing over them by the cross.

Thoughts On God's Forgiveness:

- It Is <u>GRACIOUS</u> (Ephesians 2:8)
- It Is <u>COMPLETE</u> (Romans 8:1)
- It Is <u>WILLING</u> (2 Peter 3:9)
- It Is <u>MOTIVATING</u> (Ephesians 4:32)

Four False Teachings That Must Be Rejected:

• Humanistic <u>PHILOSOPHY</u>

<u>Colossians 2:8</u>, See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. (Colossians 2:4, 2 Corinthians 11:3)

• Ritualistic <u>LEGALISM</u>

<u>Colossians 2:16</u>, Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. (Galatians 3:1)

• Religious <u>MYSTICISM</u>

<u>Colossians 2:18</u>, Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. ¹⁹They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. (1Timothy 2:5)

Meaningless <u>ASCETICISM</u>

Colossians 2:20, Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: ²¹ "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? ²²These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. ²³Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence. (Romans 14:13)