

ALL WE NEED

December 16 & 20 | We're Free | Rev. Brian Cook

Family Goal: *To celebrate the birth of Christ as if it were the first time you had heard it, being amazed and marveling at the incarnation of God with a childlike astonishment.*

Colossians 2:16-23

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. ²⁰If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations.

Shadows of true life in Christ;

1. Never trust a SHADOW.
2. Shadows should POINT to Jesus, not be in PLACE of Jesus.

3 Steps to an EMPTY RELIGION;

1. Pursue a “deeper” SPIRITUALITY rather than pursuing JESUS “deeper.”
2. Try to induce these deeper “spiritual” experiences on OTHERS.
3. Discern the meaning of the experiences using “HUMAN WISDOM” rather than “GODLY WISDOM.”

The Shadow FAILS without its FORM.