**Live it Out!**

**Being Christian in a Corrupt World**

*Stop With The Rules*

Colossians 2:20-23

You’ve been set free, so stop subjecting yourself to religious rule makers.

1. You were set free from the powers of this world
2. Stop subjecting yourself to their rules
3. Live out your freedom

**For Discussion**

* Obviously, when a person dies, all of their personal obligations are voided. Paul tells us that we have died with Christ to the dominating forces of this world. What does this mean with respect to our obligations to them? What power do they now have over us?
* Paul said that the rules to which the Colossians were subjecting themselves were “man-made.” What are some examples of man-made religious rules in our day?
* He also says that these rules may have the appearance of being wise. How can we keep ourselves from buying into these kinds of rules? What will protect us?
* Setting up rules is not only useless in overcoming sin, it will likely make matters worse. Why is this? How *do* we fight temptation? (cf. Rom. 8:13-14 and 2. Cor. 10:3-5)