

From The Shadows To The Substance

The Colossian believers were being influenced by the loudest voices. This was pulling them away and pushing them down. They needed to be reminded of what matters most.

Colossians 2:16-23

* <u>Shadows</u> = never enough

"your own <u>human effort</u>" (Galatians 3:2)

"tied up again in <u>slavery</u> to the <u>law</u>" (Galatians 5:1)

ritual, legalism, superstition, false teachers . . .

have filled <u>church</u> <u>history</u>.

- * <u>Substance</u> = more than enough
 - ✓ <u>found</u> in Christ = the greatest treasure
 - ✓ <u>connection</u> with the Head = apart from Me you can do nothing
 - ✓ <u>died</u> with Christ = freedom

Doing versus Being

Notes:

Reflective Questions

- 1) What are some reasons why doing outweighs being in our lives? What can be the result?
- 2) What false "additions" were the Colossians dealing with? What "additions" can tempt us today?
- 3) Christ is the Substance: how does Paul emphasize that in these verses? What does this mean to you?

GLOW!

THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Mark your calendars for Family Science Night on Wednesday, February 23rd from 6–7:30pm. Sign-up in the lobby or on our church app.

TODDLER PLAYGROUPWEDNESDAYS, 9:30-11:00AMGrown-ups + littles preschool and under join us Wednesdays in the gymfrom 9:30-11am for a time of play and connection.

SMART & READY THIS SATURDAY, 8-9AM IN THE COFFEE SHOP A Men's monthly meeting to discuss a topic & gather as brothers in Christ. This month our topic is: What You Think, Matters.

WELCOME LUNCH SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Following the worship gathering, our staff would like to invite those who have begun attending New Harvest since COVID began. Two years ago things change drastically for our church and all other churches. But during that time many of you have joined us. We would love to celebrate that fact with a light lunch at 11:30 AM on Sunday, March 6th in the gym. If you are newer with us, please join us for lunch and sign up through our Connection Card or our online link -- <u>http://newharvestch.org/connect/</u>

PRAISE & POTLUCK

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 10:00-11:30AM

Women are invited to a time of encouragement and connection in the gym. Sign up in the Lobby for Egg dish – Fruit – Pastries.

CONNECTING WITH US

If you would like to volunteer for a ministry, join a group, ask for prayer, let us know you were here for the first time, or just send us a comment, go online to: <u>http://newharvestch.org/connect/</u>, or fill out a Connection Card found in the back of the chair in front of you.



GUESTS & VISITORS

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use the Connection Card in the back of the chairs or our online Connection Card (<u>newharvestch.org/connect</u>) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.