

Sermon Notes – April 5, 2020

It's A New Day! (*Colossians 2:20-23*)

- I. The elementary principles of the world.
 - A. Man-made religions.
 - 1. LEGALISM: Excessive adherence to law or formula; keeping outward rules for spiritual acceptance.
 - 2. MYSTICISM: Union with the Deity and/or apprehension of knowledge inaccessible to the intellect may be attained through contemplation and self-surrender.
 - 3. ASCETICISM: Severe self-discipline and avoidance of all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons.
 - B. No spiritual value.
 - 1. Man-made religions will not get us to God. (*John 14:6*) (*John 10:9*) (*Romans 5:1,2*) (*Ephesians 2:13-19*)
 - 2. Man-made religion only satisfies the flesh.
 - a. “The Pharisees, Essenes, Gnostics made piety hinge on outward observance and rules instead of inward conviction and principle.” (A.T. Robertson)
- II. The spiritual principles of God.
 - A. Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God. (*Colossians 1:15*)
 - 1. The fullness of God dwells in the body of Jesus. (*Colossians 2:9*) (*John 1:14*)
 - B. Jesus Christ is the hope of glory indwelling every believer. (*Colossians 1:27*) (*John 14:16-18*) (*Romans 8*)
 - C. Jesus Christ has forgiven us of ALL our sins. (*Colossians 2:9-15*)