

# Rules Won't Work

Colossians 2:9-23



Let's pretend that you are a slave,  
and even though you want to get  
free, you *are* stuck.



**The Good News of 2:9-15 tell us  
what we *are* and *have* in Christ**



# Notice, Paul's words in 2:16-23

*Therefore let no one pass judgment  
on you...*

*Let no disqualify you...*



**2:16-17** are about the assertion of  
*Christian liberty.*



**V.18-19 Paul says that *they need to understand the issues at stake.***





**Paul is sure that we are *freed* from  
this kind of thing. (2:20-23)**

**He reminds them that *they are*  
*dead* with Christ to the natural  
world.**

# Cultivate your love for God and you will win victories over sin:



- Cultivate with private Christian life
- Cultivate it with *public* Christian life
- Cultivate it by being gracious to others who are also cultivating their lives too!