

Savior Supreme
Not Legalism but Christ
Colossians 2:16-23

I find it interesting that people who are not believers or who have only been nominally affiliated with a church feel the need to define Christianity and the role of the church in the world. More often than not they define the church in terms of an institution designed to meet their most immediate physical needs.

1. Let no one _____ you.

2. Let no one _____ you.

Five Dangerous Religions

A. The danger of a religion that _____ and disqualifies others.

B. The danger of _____ religion.

C. The danger of a religion of the _____.

D. The danger of a religion that requires _____.

E. The danger of losing _____ with the Head.

Legalism puts us at the center of our sanctification. It often creates a pride that causes some to apply it as necessary for our justification. The gospel on the other hand frees us from the dangers of legalism and false piety by calling us to place our trust in the finished work of Christ on the cross for our salvation and in the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit for our spiritual growth and pursuit of holiness.

Reflection

In what ways have any of these dangers seeped into your own thoughts about religion and spirituality? What are some steps that you can take to make sure the gospel is central in your religious life? How do you keep pride from become a reality in your spiritual journey? How should you view your participation in the spiritual disciplines in light of the gospel? What is the purpose of piety and to whom should our piety point?