

My Dog Is Better Than Your Dog

Colossians 2:13-17

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Our struggle for security causes us to think that our choices and opinions are better than those of others. The team we root for, the car we drive, even our dog must be better because it is ours. We want to think that we have made right choices. Our insecurity causes us to not want our choices to be judged. We feel bad when we are judged. Yet we frequently judge each other. We are complete in Christ and no longer need to be concerned with man's opinions, or our own, only with the judgment of the Word.

Four ways that Christ keeps us from man's judgment:

He gave us _____ vs. 13a

He gave us _____ vs. 13b

He gave us _____ vs. 14

He gave us _____ vs. 15

Don't submit to those who _____ you, remember that they are the _____ brothers vs. 16

Don't go back to _____ practices vs. 17

Application steps:

I will remember what Christ has done to free me from being judged

I will be slow in giving my opinions about the lifestyle choices of others

I will find my security in Christ and not the opinions of others

I will not go back to legalistic living

I will stop being the judge