

# SERMON NOTES 5/23/26



**When we are captured in Jesus' image we bear the fruit of conquering evil desires and being freed from religion. It becomes more about what we are saved for than what we are saved from!**

1. **Colossians 2:13-15** tells us Christ forgave our sins.

Forgiven, Charisamenos, translates: graciously restoring innocence and dignity.  
Sin, or falling short, Paraptoma, translates: to fall from flight

God restores our innocence and dignity so we would no longer fall from flight, being in union with the One who is high above it all, soaring with the Lord on wings like eagles according to **Isaiah 40:31**.

In other words we rise above all things, looking down on the problem from a place of seated authority rather than looking at it from a place of begging or hoping. We are in close proximity with the Lord; this is true restoration as a result of forgiveness.

2. **Colossians 2:16-17** teaches us that all religious activity point to the Lord, but we need to realize what those things pointed toward is here; therefore we need to get captured in union with the Lord rather than holding on to things that merely point to Him.
3. Pentecost is no longer a day once a year to look forward to, but a renewed state of being that is union with Holy Spirit. In **Acts 2:41** we see 3000 were saved on Pentecost, in Exodus **32:28** 3000 died on Pentecost. It is more about restoration from judgement than any other thing. We were restored from a place of being judged to death to a place of being judged for union with the Lord.
4. **Colossians 2:18-19** reminds us to not pride ourselves in experiences with the Lord. They were making others feel guilty for a lack of angelic visitation. We are to delight in how God speaks to all of us individually because we all need each other in the body of Christ to see the full image of Jesus!
5. **Colossians 2:20-23** tells us that even though we may have strong devotion in our practices, we should never pride ourselves in what we can't do, rather delight in what we are anointed to do. Our identity is in His resurrection, not just His death. Moral Character is evidence of union, not the way to be unified. Conquering evil desires comes from understanding we have no earning to conquer those desires, rather abiding in the truth that we are free.