

Walking Together: Riches of Christ

(based on Tim Howey's sermon:
He Wiped Out Requirements)

Do You Believe These 4 Truths?

If you have accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior:

1. Jesus cut your soul away from your flesh, **Col 2:11**. That means you don't have to give in to the sinful urges of your flesh, **Rom 2:29, 1Cor 12:13, Heb 4:12**.
2. Jesus counted you as dying, being buried, and rising with Him, **Col 2:12-13**. Jesus sees the new you, **Rom 6:4**.
3. Jesus set you free from the OT Law, **Col 2:14**. Instead of following the laws, follow the Holy Spirit, **Col 1:29**. You are free to do what pleases Christ, **Gal 5:1-15**.
4. Jesus defeated the demonic realm through His death and resurrection, **Col 2:15**. Focus on the power of Jesus instead of fearing demons, **Heb 2:14, 1John 4:4**.

Do You Resist 2 Types of People Who Try to Cheat You Out of Christ?

1. **Judgmental** people, **Col 2:16-17**: Being a Christ-follower is not about rules. Focus on your relationship with Jesus and do good out of love for Him rather than worry about someone else pointing out where you broke a rule, **Gal 4:21-31**.
2. **Secret knowledge** promoters, **Col 2:18-19**: Being a Christ-follower is not about secret knowledge held by a select few. Focus on loving Jesus rather than the secret knowledge someone claims to have, **Rom 13:14**.

Riches of Christ Self-Assessment:

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true <----> totally true
When I pray, I thank Jesus for being my Lord and Savior.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
Before I do something, I ask God what He wants, listen, then do what He says.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I read/listen to His Word every day and ask Him to show me something He wants me to know or do.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I spend time with other Christ-followers for mutual encouragement in focusing on Christ.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

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