

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for July 24, 2022
Life in the Kingdom: Shadow & Substance



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with
CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. Have you ever lived in someone's shadow? How did it make you feel? Were there any positives?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. 18 Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. 19 They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

20 Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: 21 "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? 22 These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. 23 Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

Colossians 2:13-23

1. What strikes you about this passage? What questions do you have?
2. What does it mean to be dead in trespasses?
3. What "debt" did you owe to God prior to salvation? Could you ever pay it off yourself?
4. The apostle Paul is convinced that what Jesus did on the cross canceled any debt that we may have as a result of sin. What does that kind of clean slate do to your spiritual life?
5. Why do some people put such great importance on food, festivals, and other traditions?
6. If the focus is not to be on these things, what is our focus to be on?

- **SERVE** *others*

- Yes, it's time to start thinking about going back to school and for many families within West Chester and Liberty County the school supplies can be a real financial burden. That's why Royal

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- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short blessing.**