HOLINESS AND FREEDOM

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1 Corinthians 10:23

How do we love God?

- Not performance-based Colossians 2:16-23
- Don't be a Pharisee Matthew 15:8-20, Matthew 23:5-7, 14, 23-28

Why religious rule keeping?

- 1. Protection Image [Mask--"Everyone has a Wilson."
 - Colossians 2:23 "Have an appearance of wisdom (dedication, holiness...)"
 - Matthew 23:5 "All their works they do to be seen by men"
 - Matthew 23:27 "White-washed tombs ...appear beautiful outwardly..."
 - Matthew 23:28 "Appear righteous to men"
- 2. Our flesh "likes" rule keeping
- 3. Easy
 - Rules are easier than relationship
 - Relationships are work—messy
- 4. Works VS Faith Perpetuated

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Today: Challenge—Struggle—Bother—Difficult

- I. Put off Put on
 - Colossians 3:5-14
 - How? Colossians 3:1-4
- II. What about ..?
 - Myriad of decisions Philippians 2:12-23
 - 1 Corinthians 8:4-8, 9-13 (work out your salvation = life with Christ)
- III. Instructions: not all things edify
 - Choose wisely
 - What's your goal?
 - Galatians 6:7-9

