

## Colossians 2:20-23

1. What have we learned from Colossians so far?
2. How should we define death biblically? What things does Scripture teach that we should die to?
3. V. 20 speaks of the elementary principles. What are these?
4. Review: what is asceticism? Two famous ascetics were Anthony (Egypt 3<sup>rd</sup> century) and Simon Stylites (Turkish 4<sup>th</sup> century). How did each of them live life? What were they trying to achieve?  
Asceticism –  
  
Anthony –  
  
Simon Stylites -
5. What is Paul's advice toward the "elemental spirits" and asceticism in Gal. 4:3-11?
6. How should we regard the physical world v. 21-22?
7. V. 22 What is the effect of this type of spirituality on us? (Perish – phteiros)
8. V. 23 What is the effect of self-made religion? Does it make us righteous? What does it do to the flesh?

Below are 4 theories of righteousness

What is righteousness?

1. Legalism
2. Imparted righteousness
3. Infused righteousness
4. Imputed righteousness