## Live from the gospel (Colossians 2:16-3:11)

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What the salesmen at Colossae were promising

The buzzword: fulness

The appeal

The reality

If you want to live a truly full life...

- 1. Don't live from the empty alternatives (2:16-23)
- a) Don't live from religious activity (v.16-17)

Shadow vs substance

What do we use as the measuring rod?

b) Don't live from spiritual experiences (v.18-19)

"worship of angels"
They seem so spiritual, but...

Headless chickens

c) Don't live from external rules (v.20-23)

Rules are attractive

- are merely of human origin (v.22)
- don't work (v.23)
- 2. Live instead from the fulness of the gospel (3:1-11)

Not just that Christ died *for* you, but that you are now \_\_\_ him

Where Christ goes, you go!

Your identity now

The Christian life is not lived out of emptiness seeking fulness. Rather...

Set your minds on things above

The map and the engine