COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is our all in all! He is all we need.

- 2. The *Preeminence* of Jesus Christ is **DEFENDED**. (continued) **Colossians 2:13-23**
 - Verse 13 You, being DEAD in your sins...hath He QUICKENED...FORGIVEN you ALL!

Luke 15:24 "For this my son WAS dead, and IS alive again" Ephesians 2:1 "And you hath he QUICKENED, who were dead"

Verse 14 BLOTTING OUT the handwriting of ordinances that was AGAINST US!

Psalm 32:1 "BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven" lsaiah 55:7 "for he will ABUNDANTLY PARDON."

• Verse 15 Having SPOILED principalities and powers...TRIUMPHING over them in it!

Psalm 68:18 "Thou hast ascended...hast LED captivity captive" lsaiah 53:12 "he shall divide the SPOIL with the strong..."

Genesis 3:15 "I will put ENMITY between thee and the woman" "And the devil...was CAST into the LAKE of FIRE"

• Verse 16 Let NO MAN therefore judge you in MEAT...DRINK...respect of an HOLY DAY

John 7:24 *"Judge not...BUT judge RIGHTEOUS judgment."*Acts 15:20 *"that they abstain from...idols...fornication...blood"*

Verse 17 Which are a SHADOW of THINGS TO COME; but the body is of CHRIST.

Galatians 3:24 *"the law was our schoolmaster to BRING US unto Christ"*Hebrews 8:5 *"serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things"*

Verse 18 Let NO MAN beguile you of your REWARD...vainly PUFFED UP...fleshly mind.

Genesis 3:13 "The serpent BEGUILED me, and I did eat."

Revelation 3:11 "Behold, I come quickly: HOLD THAT FAST which thou hast, that no man TAKE THY CROWN."

Verse 19 And NOT HOLDING the HEAD from which all the BODY by joints and bands...

Deuteronomy 30:20 "thou mayest CLEAVE unto him: for he is thy life"
Acts 11:23 "exhorted them all, that with PURPOSE OF
HEART they would CLEAVE unto the LORD."

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Focus on the Word

• Verse 20 If YE be DEAD WITH CHRIST from the RUDIMENTS of the WORLD, WHY..."

Colossians 3:3 "For ye are DEAD, and your life is HID with Christ in God"
Galatians 6:14 "But God forbid...by whom the WORLD is
CRUCIFIED unto ME, and I unto the WORLD."

Verse 21 TOUCH not; TASTE not; HANDLE not

Matthew 15:11

2 Corinthians 6:17

"Wherefore come OUT from among THEM, and BE YE SEPARATE, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

Verse 22 Which ALL are to PERISH with the USING...after the...DOCTRINES of men?

1 Timothy 4:3

"Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

Titus 1:14

"Not giving HEED to Jewish fables, and commandments of MEN, that TURN FROM THE TRUTH."

Verse 23 Which things have indeed a SHEW of wisdom in WILL WORSHIP, and humility

Matthew 23:27, 28

"WOE unto you, scribes and Pharisees, HYPOCRITES!
...appear beautiful outward, but are within full
of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness."

Genesis 3:6

"And when the woman SAW that the tree was GOOD for
FOOD, and that it was PLEASANT to the EYES, and a tree
to be DESIRED to make one WISE, SHE TOOK of the fruit"

PRACTICAL:

Beware of a form of RELIGION and "CHRISTIANITY" where you can do all manner of GOOD things and BIBLE things while NOT HOLDING on to and CLEAVING to the Lord Jesus Christ.

REMEMBER therefore FROM WHENCE thou art fallen, and REPENT, and DO THE FIRST WORKS; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, EXCEPT THOU REPENT.