

Dangerous Threats (Pt. 3)

Colossians 2:16–23



Passage Theme

Reject any, and all, Christ-/ess
doctrines that threaten your
Christian growth.

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- I. Legalism (vv. 16–17)
- II. Mysticism (vv. 18–19)
- III. Asceticism (vv. 20–23)

Definition of Asceticism

The attempt to achieve holiness by rigorous self-neglect, self-denial, and in some cases even self-infliction.

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III. Asceticism (vv. 20–23)

- A. Asceticism enslaves you once again to the world (v. 20)**
- B. Asceticism focuses your attention on non-essentials (vv. 21–22a)**
- C. Asceticism builds upon man-made commands (vv. 21, 22b)**
- D. Asceticism fails to make one holy (v. 23)**

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- D. Asceticism fails to make one holy (v. 23)
1. Because it's based on man's word not God's Word (John 17:17)
 2. Because it's based on man's will not God's Spirit (Rom 8:13; Gal 5:16-26)
 3. Because it deals with man's outward body but not his inward heart (Matt 15:15-20)
 4. Because it feeds man's sinful pride (Col 3:18)

Take home lessons...

- Fly with both wings of the plane
- Rightly enjoy God's physical benefits

Take home lessons...

- Wrong ways to enjoy:
 - Loving the gift and rejecting the giver (Rom 1:21–23)
 - Storing up for yourself these gifts as treasures on earth (Luke 12:16–21; Matt 6:19–21)
 - Rejecting the gifts as something bad (1 Tim 4:1–5)

Take home lessons...

- Right Ways to enjoy:
 - Enjoy God's good gifts with gratitude (1 Tim 4:3–5)
 - Steward God's good gifts well (Matt 25:14–30)
 - Put your ultimate satisfaction in God, not His gifts (Psalm 4:7; 16:10; 73:25–26)

Take home lessons...

- Fly with both wings of the plane
- Rightly enjoy God's physical benefits
- Stay rooted to the foot of the cross (Col 2:9–15)