

Dangerous Threats (Pt. 2)

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Colossians Outline

Introduction (1:1–14)

I. Christ, Our Lord (1:15–2:5)

II. Christ, Our Savior (2:6–15)

III. Christ, Our Life (2:16–4:6)

A. The Threats to Christian Living (2:16–23)

Passage Theme

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

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- II. Mysticism (vv. 18–19)

Definition of Mysticism

The pursuit of a deeper or higher
subjective religious experience.

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 - A. A Clear Command (v. 18)
 - B. The Mystical Criteria (v. 18)
 - 1. Self-Abasement
 - 2. Worship of Angels
 - 3. Visionary Experiences

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C. The Stinging Critique (v. 18–19)

1. Mysticism leads one to spiritual pride
2. Mysticism leads one to reject Christ

Application

- Pursue Christ, not experiences
- Let no one disqualify by basing spiritual maturity on anything other than conformity to Christ
- Take your stand on the Word of God