

**JESUS**  
the only Answer

**Live Belonging to Him**  
**Colossians 2:16-23**  
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**What's the difference between the True North and the magnetic north?**

Review

## **THREE WAYS TO AVOID FALSE TEACHING**

1. Concentrate spiritual growth on the reality of who we are in Christ - not what others add (vv 16-17)

Substance -

Christ is the substance, not the shadow

False teaching that spiritually kidnaps people:

Hebrew Roots Movement –

**Colossians 2:16-17**

**Romans 7:6; 14:5**

**Ephesians 2:15, 19**

**1 Corinthians 7:18**

2. Hold fast to Christ who grows our faith - not spiritual mysticisms (vv 18-19)

“condemn” - *katabrabeúsō*, from *katá*, against, and *brabeúsō*, to be a judge or umpire and thus award the prize in a public game.

3 Errors legalistic mystics pressure people for spiritual growth:

(1) False visions

(2) Human arrogance

(3) Reject holding to Christ

3. Belong to Christ so we live a biblical worldview - not a dogmatic order (vv 20-23)

**Questions:**

**What previous verses in Colossians verify you belong to Christ?**

**What dogmatic orders (elements of the world) has Christ freed you from belonging to?**

**How can you concentrate on holding to Christ this week?**