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#### KEEP WALKING IN HIM! Colossians 2 <sup>6</sup>So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>being rooted and built up in him and

established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

## Colossians 2 CAPTIVES OF CHRIST & LONE!

<sup>8</sup>Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ.

FOUNDATION FOR THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST

<sup>9</sup>For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ,



<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. 2 This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David,

<sup>5</sup> to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup>In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: 11 Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup>Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

<sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and peace on earth to people he favors!,,

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

<sup>16</sup>They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

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<sup>11</sup>You were also circumcised in him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

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# Colossians 2 WARNING & GAINST LEGALISM!

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, don't let anyone judge you in regard to food and drink or in the matter of a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day.

<sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of what was to come

the substance is Christ.

# Colossians 2 WARNING AGAINST MAN'S WISDOM! 181 et no one condemn vou by delighting in

<sup>18</sup>Let no one condemn you by delighting in ascetic practices and the worship of angels, claiming access to a visionary realm. Such people are inflated by empty notions of their unspiritual mind.

HOLD ON TO JESUS!
(STATED NEGATIVELY)

<sup>19</sup>They don't hold on to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with growth from God.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, announcing the mystery of God to you, I did not come with brilliance of speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>I came to you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5so that your faith might not be based on human wisdom but on God's power.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:1-8

<sup>6</sup>We do, however, speak a wisdom among the mature, but not a wisdom of this age, or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>On the contrary, we speak God's hidden wisdom in a mystery, a wisdom God predestined before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age knew this wisdom, because if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

# Romans 16:25-27 GLORY TO GOD

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation about Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept silent for long ages <sup>26</sup>but now revealed and made known through the prophetic Scriptures, according to the command of the eternal God to advance the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles -<sup>27</sup>to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ – to him be the glory forever! Amen.

"THE" QUESTION

<sup>20</sup>If (since) you died with Christ to the elements of this world, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world?...

## TRANSFORMATION

Why do you submit to regulations: <sup>21</sup> Don't handle, don't taste, don't touch"? <sup>22</sup>All these regulations refer to what is destined to perish by being used up; they are human commands and doctrines. <sup>23</sup>Although these have a reputation for wisdom by promoting self-made religion, false humility, and severe treatment of the body, they are not of any value in curbing self-indulgence.

