

“Believer, Beware!”

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Colossians 2:16-23

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Introduction:

- A. Life is full of _____ and everywhere we look, we see a _____ of some kind.
- B. Whenever any of us don't heed the warning signs, we can end up in great _____ and can pay a great _____.
- C. The _____ also has its warnings and dangers.

I. Lose the _____ - Let No One _____ You (Col. 2:16-17)

- A. The false teachers were laying down rigid rules about _____, drinking and religious _____ - their focus was on _____ and _____.
- B. Jesus _____ and _____ the old covenant and nailed it to the cross.
- C. Paul's main point about legalism was that it was a _____ of the things that were to come, but now the _____ had come - _____.
- D. Paul's warning for them and for us is: don't let anyone _____ your standing before God on the basis of your observance of _____ and _____.

II. Miss the _____ - Let No One _____ You (Col. 2:18-19)

- A. The word translated “condemn” in verse 18 in the CSV has been translated in these ways: _____, rob, beguile, and _____.
- B. What Paul was trying to say is: don't let someone come and cause you to be _____ of the _____ you are eligible for in Christ.
- C. Basically, mysticism or spiritualism is the practice of trying to reach “God” or have spiritual experiences apart from Jesus through _____ or _____.
- D. Paul summarized the situation of anyone who was into mysticism as someone who has lost connection with the _____ - who is _____.
- E. If we chase after _____, out-of-body experiences, _____, healers, angels, departed saints, etc., then we disconnect ourselves from a relationship with Jesus.

III. Avoid _____ - Let No One _____ You (Col. 2:20-23)

- A. Asceticism is the practice of extreme _____ and even _____ in order to become spiritual—they think they can sanctify the _____ by punishing the _____.
- B. Paul pointed out that if we _____ with Christ, then Christ has already given us what we _____.
- C. Paul pointed out that ascetic practices are based on _____.
- D. Paul pointed out that in the end, asceticism _____.
- E. Not all ascetic practices are wrong or dangerous if they are done with the right _____ and in the appropriate _____.

Conclusion:

- A. Paul's goal was to warn the Colossians to beware of false teachings and false approaches to spiritual _____ and living a life _____ or God.
- B. Lose the Legalism—it leads to _____, pride and judgmentalism.
- C. Miss the Mysticism—it separates us from the _____.
- D. Avoid Asceticism—it doesn't bring about _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. warning, warning. B. danger, price. C. spiritual, life. I. Legalism, Judge. I.A. eating, days, diets, days. I.B. fulfilled, completed. I.C. shadow, reality, Jesus. I.D. judge, rules, regulations. II. Mysticism, Defraud. II.A. disqualify, defraud. II.B. disqualified, reward. II.C. visions, angels. II.D. Head, Jesus. II.E. revelations, visions. III. Asceticism, Enslave. III.A. self-denial, self-injury, soul, body. III.B. died, need. III.C. human, commands. III.D. doesn't, work. III.E. motives, amounts. Concl.A. growth, worthy. B. bondage. C. change.