

Colossians 2:16-23



The background of the slide features two hands reaching towards each other. The hand on the left is positioned higher and is reaching down, while the hand on the right is lower and reaching up. Between the two hands is a bright, glowing light source, possibly a sun or a lamp, which creates a lens flare effect with rays of light extending outwards. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by oranges, yellows, and reds, with a hint of green on the left side. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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The Law Kills

The Spirit Gives Life

2:13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. 15 In this way, He disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross.



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16 So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths.  
17 For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ Himself is that reality.

## 1. THE REAL JESUS SUPERCEDES THE RULES

18 Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud, 19 and they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For He holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it.

20 You have died with Christ, and He has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, 21 “Don’t handle! Don’t taste! Don’t touch!”? 22 Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them.

23 These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires.

## 2. THE REAL JESUS IS THE REALITY



The image features a warm, golden-brown background with a bright sun or light source in the lower-left quadrant, creating a lens flare effect. Two hands are visible: one in the upper-left corner, reaching down, and another in the lower-right corner, reaching up. The text 'IT'S ALL ABOUT' is written in a white, serif font at the top. Below it, the word 'JESUS' is written in a large, dark blue, serif font with a slight 3D effect.

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