

Colossians



&

Philippians

Walk in Christ & Watch for Traps

Combating the Colossian Heresy

Colossians 2:1-23

“... *So walk in Him ...*” vv. 6 & 7

1. By firmly rooted

2. By strongly built

3. By overflowing with gratitude

Beware of the Traps

I. Worldly Philosophy – Human Tradition

II. Legalism – Religious Tradition

III. Mysticism – Worship of Angels

IV. Asceticism – Severe Treatment of Body

I. Worldly Philosophy vv. 8-10

- **In accordance with human tradition**
- **In accordance with the elementary principles**
- **Not in accordance with Christ**

Christ Supreme over Philosophy

- In Him is **all** the wealth v. 2
- In Him is hidden **all** the treasures of wisdom and knowledge v. 3
- In Him is **all** the fullness of Deity in bodily form v. 9
- He is the head over **all** rule and authority v. 10

II. Legalism vv. 11-17

- **The rite of circumcision**
- **Abstinence from food and drink**
- **Observance of days and festivals**

Christ Supreme over Legalism

- **In Him circumcised without hands v. 11**
- **In Him we were buried in baptism v. 12**
- **In Him we were dead in our transgression v. 13**
- **With Him we are raised up from the dead v. 13, 14**
 - **Sins forgiven**
 - **Debts cancelled**
- **In Him we have triumphed over Satan v. 15**

III. Mysticism vv. 18 & 19

- **Self-Abasement / False Humility**
- **Worship of Angels**
- **Mystical Visions**

Christ Supreme over Mysticism

- **Holding fast to Christ, the Head**
- **Growth by being richly supplied and held together to the Head**

IV. Asceticism vv. 20-23

- **Do not... Do not... Do not... v. 21**
- **Teachings of Men v. 22**
- **Self-made Religion and Self-Abasement v. 23**
- **Severe Treatment of the Body v. 23**

Christ Supreme over Asceticism

- **We have died with Christ to the elementary principles**
- **Bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body**

**“The safety and the security
of a Christian is in the
supremacy of Christ.”**