

It's *all* about
Jesus.

All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16

Created for Him!

**Stay Connected!
Colossians 2:16-23**

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, 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. You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. (2:18-20)

Therefore, let no one pass judgement on you . . .

What's it "Therefore?"

"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. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross." Colossians 2:13-15

Jesus Christ is all-sufficient! “His abolition of the Mosaic Law as a means to justification, and His decisive victory over demonic powers, Paul urges the Colossians to (1) resist legalism, (2) angel-worship, and (3) asceticism that was being forced upon them by the false teachers. Such exercises deny Christ’s supremacy and sufficiency, rob Christians of their liberty, and are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.” (Spirit-Filled Life Study Bible)

The way to resist the winds of false doctrine and practice? Hold fast to the Head, “from Whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God!”

Those who stay connected grow in . . .

**Wisdom
I Cor. 1:30**

**Knowledge
II Pet.3:18**

**Character
John 15:4, 5**

**Love
I Thess. 3:12**

Goal? To be stable and steadfast (1:23)

**“These are a shadow of the things to come,
but the substance belongs to Christ!”**

**Legalism is the religion of human
achievement, or
Christ + Human Works = Righteousness.**



- 1) Shadow (skia) = An image cast by an
object representing the form of that object**
- 2) Substance = Reality**
Hebrews 8:5 & 10:1