

“All We Need”
Colossians 2:16-23

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¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding 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. ²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

IN CHRIST . . .

- We’re _____.
- We’re made _____.
- We find our _____.
- We have complete _____.
- We’re invited to trust in His _____.

1. Jesus calls us to _____ in what He’s already done, and to trust that it’s _____.

2. When _____ has taken care of us, we don’t need to worry about what _____ thinks.

3. We grow in Christ simply by _____ to Jesus.

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IN CHRIST . . .

- We’re forgiven.
- We’re made alive.
- We find our identity.
- We have complete security.
- We’re invited to trust in His sufficiency.

1. Jesus calls us to rest in what He’s already done, and to trust that it’s done.
2. When God has taken care of us, we don’t need to worry about what anybody else thinks.
3. We grow in Christ simply by holding fast to Jesus.