

COLOSSIANS

Proclaiming the
Supremacy of Christ

OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS 2: 16-19

1. Warning about the content of the false teachers and reminder of the gospel the Colossians have received (v.16-17)
2. Describe the false teachers (v.18-19a)
3. Exhort Colossians in their unity together and connectedness with Christ (v.19)

OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS

1. Introduction and prayers (1:1-14)
2. The supremacy of Christ and Paul's work proclaiming Him (1:15-2:5)
3. Encouragement to hold firmly to Christ and a warning about false spirituality (2:6-23)
4. Instructions about new life in Christ and the renewed relationships it produces (3:1-4:6)
5. Closing greetings (4:7-18)

¹⁶ Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day— ¹⁷ things which are a *mere* shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on *visions* he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

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INSTRUCTION 1:

1. *Don't be judged by mere shadows*
 - Do not listen to criticism that is based on diets and days (v.16)
 - Stop living as if Christ has not come by thinking you need to uphold the Old Testament Law (v. 17)

INSTRUCTION 2:

2. *Be on guard for the ego-inflated, self-admiring false teachers (v.18)*
 - Don't be deceived into thinking you need something more than the gospel that you have received

EXHORTATION:

*3. Hold Fast to Christ, hold fast to one another
(v.19)*

- We have Christ — it is irrelevant what those who are outside of the body of Christ say about the gospel.
- It is through the sustenance from Christ that the body of the church grows!

APPLICATION:

Nothing needs to be added to the gospel!

- Seek steadfastness in Christ and be on guard for any “gospel” that does not have Christ as its center

Are we as a church nourished and knit together in unity as an extension from our connectedness to Christ?