

Colossians – The Supremacy of Christ

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“What is Holding Me Hostage?”

Colossians 2:8 – 23

John 8:31-32 (NLT) ³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Contrasts and Comparisons

1. _____ vs. _____

Colossians 2:8 (NIV) See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

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Colossians 2:18 (NIV) Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions.

1 Timothy 2:5 (NLT) For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus.

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Colossians 2:20-23 (NIV) ²⁰ Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules: ²¹ “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? ²² These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings. ²³ Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

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Colossians 2:16 (NIV) Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

Colossians 2:9 (NIV) For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. . .

John 10:10 (NLT) The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.

2. _____ vs. _____

Colossians 2:11-12 (NIV) ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

Romans 2:28-29 (NLT) ²⁸ For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the Jewish ceremony of circumcision. ²⁹ No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not a cutting of the body but a change of heart produced by God’s Spirit.

3. _____ vs. _____

Colossians 2:13-14 (NIV) ¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Galatians 3:24 (NCV) the law was our guardian leading us to Christ so that we could be made right with God through faith.

Romans 8:1-2 (NIV) there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

4. _____ vs. _____

Colossians 2:16-17 (NIV) ¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Hebrews 10:1 (NLT) The old system in the law of Moses was only a shadow of the things to come, not the reality of the good things Christ has done for us.

July memory verse: Colossians 3:17 (NIV) whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.