

# Colossians – The Supremacy of Christ

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## “What is Holding Me Hostage?”

### Colossians 2:8 – 23

**John 8:31-32** (NLT) <sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings. <sup>32</sup> 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) <sup>20</sup> 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: <sup>21</sup> “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? <sup>22</sup> These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings. <sup>23</sup> 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) <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> 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) <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> 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) <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> 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) <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.