

(sermon notes)

What It's NOT About ...

Colossians 2:16-23

"I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument.... See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception....Let no one keep defrauding you...."
Col. 2:4,8,18

It's not about _____ and _____ -

↳ it's about a _____ with _____ — the One whom those things _____ . (vv. 16-17)

"But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? You observe days and months and seasons and years. I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain." (Gal. 4:9-11)

"[Under the Old Covenant]... both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience, since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation. But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption." (Heb. 9:9-12)

"For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near." (Heb. 10:1)

"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." (Rom. 10:4, see Matt. 5:17)

"Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from the outside cannot defile him, because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?' (Thus He declared all foods clean.)" (Mark 7:18b-19)

"But Peter said, 'By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholly and unclean.' Again a voice came to him a second time, 'What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholly.'" (Acts 10:14-15)

"But when Cephas [Peter] came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to...



withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy." (Galatians 2:11-13)

"Jesus said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.'" (Mark 2:27)

"One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God." (Rom. 14:5-6)

It's not about _____ and seeking after _____ experiences -

↳ it's about _____ to the _____ of the body — _____, and finding _____ in Him. (vv. 18-19)

"Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it." (1 Cor. 12:27)

"For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete...." (Col. 2:9-10a)

It's not about following _____ - _____, no matter how _____ and _____ we seem -

↳ it's about _____ to _____. (vv. 20-23)

"And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." (1 Cor. 2:1-2)