

A New Testament Study of Colossians

Lesson 5: Colossians 2:10-23

Setting: In chapter one Paul established Christ superiority and Deity as our Savior, Creator, and Head of the Church. In chapter two Paul desires that we be united and rooted in the truth, not swayed by false teachings and vain philosophies and traditions, knowing that we are Complete in Christ and need nothing more.

We are complete in Christ! He is the King and kings, and the Head of the Church as well as all principalities and powers. All our spirituality comes from our relationship with Him.

Will we Draw on our Spiritual provision in Christ or will we be drawn away?

- I. Jesus Christ _____ the Old Testament: *Beware of Ritualism* (2:11-17)
Hebrews 9:15-24 Matthew 27:50-51
 - a. He Completes our _____; We are Circumcised in Him and Live in Him (vv. 11-13)
 - b. He Completes the _____; We are free from it in Him (V. 14)
 - c. He Completes the _____ of the Old Testament religious ceremonies and rituals. (vv.16-17) **John 4:21-24**

- II. Jesus Christ Completes our _____; *Beware of Angel Worship / Mysticism* (v. 15, 18-19)
 - a. Christ is _____ over the Spiritual Realm (v. 15)
 - b. Christ Alone is _____ of Worship (v. 18)
 - i. Piety and false humility is not the same as Godliness
 - c. Christ is the Head of all (v.19)

- III. Jesus Christ Completed all _____ for sin: *Beware of Self Worship / Asceticism* (vv. 20-23)
 - a. Denying self to keep up with the world's standards or the world's religions is _____ the same as denying self for Christ's Sake.
 - b. Christ's suffering on the Cross is all the suffering we need- we "be dead with Christ"
 - c. Thrusting in your own self denial or suffering (Asceticism) is trusting in self – humanism not in Christ.
 - d. While keeping some of the world's standards may appear wise, keeping any law does not save you.

Conclusion: We are complete in Christ! We cannot add to that completeness by subjecting ourselves to the laws of any religion.