

“ROBUST CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP” GCF Sermon Series on the Letter to the Colossians

#6: A Life Styled in Christ

Colossians 2:16-23

If we are to cultivate a lifestyle that leads to spiritual maturity, the core of our life and being should be anchored in our “fullness in Christ” (2:10). If we are complete in Christ then we have everything we need to grow into a life styled in Christ. As we grow spiritually we should guard ourselves from the ills that attack the church today as it attacked the church in Colosse. Today we will look at ideologies that prevent us from living a life styled in Christ.

I. Imposing Old Laws (vv. 16-17)

- A. The Old Laws in the early church. (cf. Acts 15:1-27; Col 2:11-13; 14-15; 16-17)
- B. The Old Laws in the present church.
- C. The New Law in Christ. (cf. Rom 7:1-6; Gal 5:1-4)

II. Worshipping Angels (vv. 18-19)

- A. A false humility.
- B. A false replacement. (cf. Heb 4:14-16; Rev 22:8-9; Acts 10:25-26)
- C. A false understanding today.

III. Self-Controlling Self-Denial (vv. 20-23)

- A. Self-denial and “self-control”.
- B. Self-denial and the body. (cf. Rom 12:1-2; 8:5, 13; Gal 5:22-23)
- C. Self-denial today. (cf. Acts 13:2-3; 14:23; 1 Cor 7:5; 2 Cor 11:27; Ezra 8:21; Matt 6:17-18; Gal 5:24)

Conclusion:

1. As believers, we need to be careful of any doctrine or teaching of man that suggests we need more than Jesus Christ!
2. In our efforts to style our lives into maturity and spiritual growth, remember, He is “The Way” and not “a” way. (cf. John 14:6)
3. We are complete in HIM! Christ is ALL and is in ALL (Gal 3:26-27; Col 3:11b).