

- D. Subjugation to human commandments and teaching of men is highly blameworthy
- E. Legalism occurs when we take what was to be a sign of faith and make it a condition of grace
- F. Such regulations appear religious, humble, and sacrificial
- G. But they are of no value in stopping fleshly indulgence

**CONCLUSION**

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# WALK IN CHRIST

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*“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. 20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, 21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not; 22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.” (Colossians 2:6-23)*

## INTRODUCTION

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### 1. DON'T LET SOMEONE \_\_\_\_\_ YOU (v. 8)

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- A. From βλέπω, translated “beware” several times but normally means “to see”
- B. How  
THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND VAIN DECEIT  
TRADITIONS OF MEN  
RUDIMENTS OF THE WORLD
- C. Why? Because we have all in Jesus  
WE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM  
WE ARE CIRCUMCISED IN HIM  
WE ARE BAPTIZED IN HIM  
WE ARE MADE ALIVE  
BECAUSE JESUS WIPED AWAY YOUR DEBT  
BECAUSE JESUS NAILED YOUR SIN TO THE CROSS  
BECAUSE JESUS SPOILED THE POWERS THAT ARE HOSTILE TO YOU  
BECAUSE JESUS SHAMED AND TRIUMPHED OVER THEM

### 2. DON'T LET SOMEONE \_\_\_\_\_ YOU (v. 16)

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- A. This is another imperative—They could not to let others judge them in these areas without disobeying a direct command in Scripture  
MEAT  
DRINK  
HOLYDAYS  
NEW MOONS  
SABBATHS
- B. All of these were in the law, and all of the law was a shadow

### 3. DON'T LET SOMEONE \_\_\_\_\_ YOU (v. 18)

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- A. People will try to get you disqualified  
VOLUNTARY HUMILITY AND WORSHIPPING OF ANGELS.  
THIS IS ASCETICISM  
PUFFED UP BY VISIONS
- B. Mystics and legalists lose their connection with the Head  
YOU CAN'T ADD ANYTHING TO CHRIST ANY MORE THAN YOU CAN ROUND OFF A PERFECT CIRCLE OR SMOOTH OFF A PERFECT SPHERE
- C. If you've died in Christ, why are you subject to these legalistic rules?  
DON'T TOUCH  
DON'T TASTE  
DON'T HANDLE