



**ROOTED
AND BUILT UP
IN HIM**

A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

Walking in Jesus, the LORD

Colossians 2:6-23

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⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

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¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

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¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

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¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

**We mature spiritually
by walking in Jesus,
keeping Him first in
our lives.**

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**The Foolishness of
following
MYSTICISM**

(v. 8)

Colossians 2:8

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The hole in our holiness is that we don't really care much about it. Passionate exhortation to pursue gospel-driven holiness is barely heard in most churches. It's not that we don't talk about sin or encourage decent behavior. Too many sermons are basically self-help seminars on becoming a better you. That's moralism, and it's not helpful. Any gospel which says only what you must do and

never announces what Christ has done is no gospel at all. I'm talking about the failure of Christians, especially younger generations and especially those who are the most disdainful of "religion" and legalism" to take seriously one of the aims of our redemption and one of the required evidences for eternal life--our holiness."

Kevin DeYoung

**The Foolishness of
following**

LEGALISM

(vv.16-23)

In Christianity, legalism is the excessive and improper use of the law (10 commandments, holiness laws, etc). This legalism can take different forms. The first is where a person attempts to keep the Law in order to attain salvation. The second is where a person keeps the law in order to maintain his salvation. The third is when a Christian judges other Christians for not keeping certain codes of conduct that he thinks need to be observed.

Matt Slick

**The Wisdom of
following
JESUS**

(vV. 6-7, 11-14,17)

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Colossians 2:11-14

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1 Peter 4:14, 16

14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

A spiritual life...

- of brokenness
- of radical commitment
- that is being transformed
- that is in an authentic community
- that is “walking in the light”

(1 John 1:7-10)

1 John 1:7-10

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Colossians 2:17

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