

Colossians 2:18-23 **Let No Man Beguile**

1. Christ in you, you in Christ (Review)

- a. The mystery: Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col 1:26-27)
- b. In Christ: you are given everything required. It is well with your soul.
- c. The body **is of Christ** (Christ is complete). The body is not a shadow of things to come, but is now. Israel's kingdom is incomplete, but will see its fulfillment in the future. (Col 2:17, 2 Cor 5:16-17, Heb 10:1, Heb 13:14)
- d. Why it matters: You are to stand fast in your liberty and newness of life in Christ if you are to walk in accordance with God's will for the new creature. (Gal 5:1, 7, 13)

2. Run that ye may obtain • Colossians 2:18

- a. Inheritance: we all receive the reward of the inheritance. We are heirs of God and jointheirs with Christ. (Col 1:12, 3:24)
- b. Let no man beguile you of your reward → you are in a race (1 Cor 9:23-27)
 - i. Every man receives reward according to his own labor. Reward vs loss (1 Cor 3:8, 14)
 - ii. We run this race together, pressing toward the mark, encouraging one another onward in this one thing we do. (Phil 3:13-17)
 - iii. What is this reward? The fruit of the labor of the preaching of the cross. (1 Cor 9:16-18, Phil 4:1, 2 Thess 3:1)
 - iv. Stay the course. (Acts 20:24)
- c. Voluntary Humility and worshiping of angels
 - i. Voluntary humility, an attempt to show off in the flesh, "will worship". Vainly puffed up. (Col 2:23, Gal 6:13-14)
 - ii. Angels are messengers. They delivered the law. (Acts 7:53, Gal 3:19)
 - iii. We are not told to worship them, nor seek their messages. In fact we must **beware** regarding angels. (Gal 1:8, 2 Cor 11:14-15, 1 Cor 6:3)
- d. Intruding into those things which he hath not seen → Has the man in this verse **seen** what he claims to have seen? **No**. (If you have a KJB)

3. Holding the Head • Colossians 2:19

- a. The Head nourishes the body (Col 1:18, 2:10)
- b. Wherefore: the conclusion based on the aforementioned arguments.
- c. Are we dead with Christ? Yes. (Rom 6:3, Rom 7:4) Then we are not subject to the religious ordinances of men who would attempt to put them on our flesh for a show.
- d. We must hold only to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head, according to the revelation of the mystery.