

Colossians 2:16-20a (Substance Versus Shadow, Holding Fast Versus Being Puffed Up, And Co-Crucifixion Versus Self Imposed Remedies)

Introduction:

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Substance versus Shadow (2:16-17):

- “Therefore let no one judge you in food or in drink,”
 - (see Rom. 14:1-4, 19-21)

- “or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths,”
 - (see Rom. 14:5-13)

- “which are a shadow of things to come,”
 - (see Heb. 10:1, 10)

- “but the substance is of Christ.”
 - (see John 1:14, 17)

Holding Fast versus Being Puffed Up (2:18-19):

- “Let no one defraud you of your reward,”
 - (see 1 John 2:26; 1 Cor. 3:11-15)

- “taking delight in false humility and worship of angels,”
 - (see 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 10:19)

- “intruding into those things which he has not seen,”
 - (see 1 Tim. 1:7; 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:7)

- “vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,”
 - (see 1 Cor. 8:1; Rom. 8:6-8)

- “and not holding fast to the Head,”
 - (see Eph. 4:15; Heb. 12:2; John 15:4-5)

- “from whom all the body,”
 - (see Eph. 4:16a)

- “nourished and knit together”
 - (see Eph. 4:16b)

- “by joints and ligaments,”
 - (see Eph. 4:16c)

- “grows with the increase which is from God.”
 - (see Eph. 4:16d)

Co-Crucifixion versus Self-Imposed Remedies (2:20-23):

- “Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world,”
 - (see Rom. 6:8; Gal. 6:14)

- “why, as though living in the world,”
 - (see 2 Cor. 10:3)

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