

***False Teaching
Exposed***

Colossians 2:8-22

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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.

Introduction

A. The repeated warning in the Bible

Matthew 7:15

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

2 Timothy 3:5

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Introduction

B. The requirement to know the truth of God's Word

John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

1 John 4:6

We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Four Lies Exposed

I. Lie #1 – Secular Reasoning Can Add To The Gospel (2:9-10)

Colossians 2:9-10

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:

I. Lie #1 – Secular Reasoning Can Add To The Gospel (2:9-10)

A. The meaning of Christ's birth (2:9)

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

B. The mystery of Christ's body (2:10)

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

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C. The majesty of Christ's being (2:10)

Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

II. Lie #2 – Supplementary Rituals Can Add To The Gospel (2:11-17)

A. They cannot sanctify the saint (2:11-13)

Colossians 2:11-13

**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;**

II. Lie #2 – Supplementary Rituals Can Add To The Gospel (2:11-17)

A. They cannot sanctify the saint (2:11-13)

1. The rite of circumcision cannot (vv 11)

Galatians 5:6

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

2. The ritual of baptism cannot (v 12)

Acts 2:41

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

II. Lie #2 – Supplementary Rituals Can Add To The Gospel (2:11-17)

B. They cannot save the sinner (2:14-15)

Colossians 2:14-15

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.

II. Lie #2 – Supplementary Rituals Can Add To The Gospel (2:11-17)

B. They cannot save the sinner (2:14-15)

1. Christ's mercy and grace saves the sinner

Ephesians 2:4-5

**4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love
wherewith he loved us,**

**5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us
together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

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B. They cannot save the sinner (2:14-15)

2. Christ's sacrifice saves the sinner

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

II. Lie #2 – Supplementary Rituals Can Add To The Gospel (2:11-17)

B. They cannot save the sinner (2:14-15)

3. Christ's victory secures the sinner

Ephesians 1:20-22

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

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C. They cannot satisfy the seeker (2:16-17)

Colossians 2:16-17

**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.**

III. Lie #3 – Special Revelations Can Add To The Gospel (2:18-19)

Colossians 2:18-19

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.

III. Lie #3 – Special Revelations Can Add To The Gospel (2:18-19)

A. Their aim – To cheat you out of salvation (v 18)

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

III. Lie #3 – Special Revelations Can Add To The Gospel (2:18-19)

B. Their actions (v 18)

- 1. False humility**
- 2. False worship**
- 3. False perspective**

2 Corinthians 4:4

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

III. Lie #3 – Special Revelations Can Add To The Gospel (2:18-19)

C. Their attitude (v 19)

1 Timothy 1:19-20

**19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:
20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.**

IV. Lie #4 – Stricter Regulations Can Add To The Gospel (2:20-22)

Colossians 2:20-22

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?

A. The falseness of legalism and self-denial (2:20)

B. The fetters of legalism and self-denial (2:21)

C. The folly of legalism and self-denial (2:22)

**Live In The Truth And You Will
Not Fall For The Lie**