

Sermon Notes for Young People

June 30, 2019 | Col. 2:16-17, "Free Because of the King"

I. **Introduction:**

A. Why do the Colossians need neither fear nor revere the False Teachers and what they offer?

B. What is Paul's three-pronged attack in vv. 16-23?

C. It all comes down to _____

II. **Main Argument**

A. **False Judges (v. 16)**

1. In what sense are Christians *not to* judge?

2. In what sense ought Christians *to* judge?

B. False Judgment (v. 17): how does the Apostle Paul belittle what the False Teachers viewed as very important and vital?

1. Diet

a. Why did many Jews living outside of Palestine refrain from certain foods and drinks? How is that practice relevant to the Colossians?

b. What is Christian Liberty?

c. Why must Christians always exercise charity regarding food and drink?

d. Is it acceptable for Christ's people to be dominated by or dependent on certain foods or drinks?

e. When may Christian Liberty be restrained?

f. What invariably happens when people add to God's commands? (cf. Mark 7)

2. Days: what days does the Apostle Paul have in view here?

C. **Freedom from Shadows (v. 17)**

1. Diet: how were dietary laws designed as shadows of Christ and to prepare folks for Christ's coming?

2. Feasts & Festivals: How did the three annual feast prepare the Church for Christ's work?

3. New moon: what did Israel celebrate monthly?

4. Sabbath:

a. What were the False Teachers asserting about the Sabbath and Christian worship?

b. To what did the Old Covenant, Hebrew Sabbath point people forward?

III. **Questions** for my Parents or the Pastor: