

Colossians 2 - Sermon

STOP SERVING SHADOWS

Colossians 2:16-23

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Colossians 2:16

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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Colossians 2:16

Mark 7:15

“There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.”

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Mark 7:15

Mark 7:18-20

“Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him.

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Mark 7:18

1 Timothy 4:4

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

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1 Timothy 4:4

“Though the created order can be used in sinful or selfish ways and can turn our affections away from God, nonetheless we must not let the danger of the abuse of God’s creation keep us from a positive, thankful, joyful use of it for our own enjoyment and for the good of his kingdom.”

Wayne Grudem

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Colossians 2:17

These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

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Colossians 2:17

Hebrews 10:1

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

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Hebrews 10:1

Hebrews 10:10

...we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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Hebrews 10:1

Colossians 2:13

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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Colossians 2:13

Colossians 2:14-15

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

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Colossians 2:14

Colossians 2:18

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,

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Colossians 2:18

Hebrews 1:4

...having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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Hebrews 1:4

Matthew 6:1

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

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Matthew 6:1

Colossians 2:19

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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Colossians 2:19

Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

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Colossians 1:18

Colossians 2:19

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Colossians 2:20

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—

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Colossians 2:20

“let no one pass judgment on you” v.16

“let no one disqualify you” v.18

“why...do you submit to regulations?” v.20

“IF WITH CHRIST YOU DIED”

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Colossians 2:21-22

“Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”
(referring to things that all perish as they are used)
—according to human precepts and teachings?

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Colossians 2:21

Matthew 23:25-26

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

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Matthew 23:25

Colossians 2:23

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.

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Colossians 2:23

Any asceticism is a great deal more to men's taste than abandoning self. They will rather stick hooks in their backs and do the "swinging poojah" than give up their sins and yield up their wills. There is only one thing that will put the collar on the neck of the animal within us and that is the power of the indwelling Christ.

Alexander MacLaren

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Isaiah 53:4-5

We esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

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Isaiah 53:4



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