

JESUS CHRIST-THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW.

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Colossians 2:11-23

Colossians 2:11-15-NIV

11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self-ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ,

12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,

14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Hebrews 2:14-15-Passion

14 Since all his “children” have flesh and blood, so Jesus became human to fully identify with us. He did this, so that he could experience death and annihilate the effects of the intimidating accuser who holds against us the power of death.

15 By embracing death Jesus sets free those who live their entire lives in bondage to the tormenting dread of death.

2Peter 2:4-5_

4 For God did not [*even*] spare angels that sinned, but cast them into hell (**Tartarus**), delivering them to be kept there in pits of gloom till the judgment *and* their doom.

5_ And He spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven other persons, when He brought a flood upon the world of ungodly [*people*]. [Genesis 6-8;]

1Pe 3:19-20-AMP_

In which He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ...

20_ [*The souls of those*] who long before in the days of Noah had been disobedient, ...

Paul goes on in:

Colossians 2:16-17-NIV

Therefore, do not let anyone *judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.*

17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; *the reality, however, is found in Christ.*

Colossians 2:18-23-NIV

Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind.

19 They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

20 Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules:

21 “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”?

22 These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings.

23 Such regulations “indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

Passion – Verse 20 - For you were included in the death of Christ and have died with him to the religious system and powers of this world. Don’t retreat back to being bullied by the standards and opinions of religion...

Passion - verse 21 - *for example, their strict requirements, “You can’t associate with that person!” or, “Don’t eat that!” or, “You can’t touch that!”*

verse 22 - These are the doctrines of men and corrupt customs that are worthless to help you spiritually.

Passion - Verse 23- For though they may appear to possess the promise of wisdom in their submission to God through the deprivation of their physical bodies, it is actually nothing more than empty rules rooted in religious rituals!