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Christ is All and in All

“Growing in Christ”

Colossians 2:16-23

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“But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

- 1 Samuel 16:7

“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.”

- Luke 6:43-44

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Contradicts: Victory and Full Forgiveness in Christ of 2:13-15

“FESTIVAL OR A NEW MOON OR A SABBATH”

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“Then Solomon offered up burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of the LORD that he had built before the vestibule, as the duty of each day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses for **the Sabbaths, the new moons, and the three annual feasts--** the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths.”
- 2 Chronicles 8:12-13

“And I will put an end to all her mirth, her feasts, **her new moons, her Sabbaths, and all her appointed feasts.**”

- Hosea 2:11

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CHRIST AS SUBSTANCE OVER SHADOW

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2. Growing, not from Eliteness – 2:18-19

“Let no one disqualify you ... holding fast to the Head.”

Concept: NOT DISQUALIFYING: “You’re not a real believer, unless ___!”

Concern: mystical and extra impressive religious experience

Contradicts: Circumcision/Baptism and Worth in Christ of 2:11-12

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“REGULATIONS ACCORDING TO HUMAN PRECEPT”

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“And [Jesus] said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

- Mark 7:6-8

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CHRIST AS SHARING HIS DEATH TO LAW/WORLD

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