

GUARDRAILS
The Label Of Being Connected To Christ
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Key Verses of the Day

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.

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

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: "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings.

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. Colossians 2:16-23

Key Thought of the Day

If you are alive in Christ, beware of anyone who seeks to judge the _____ of your spiritual life

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:1-2 NIV

WARNING #2

Don't let anyone condemn you or _____ on you.

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. Colossians 2:16 NIV

Grab This!

These teachers were accusing the Christians in Colossi of not acting _____ enough.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Don't Miss This!

What he is essentially addressing here is a form of judgmental _____.

These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Colossians 2:17 NIV

Don't Miss This!

Judgements are assessing what is right or wrong... Judging is making harmful assumptions about someone, because of _____.

WARNING #3

Do not give credence to anyone who seeks to _____ you in your faith simply because you reject their self-imposed rules and philosophies.

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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: "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. Colossians 2:18-22 NIV

Grab This!

Paul is essentially teaching don't listen to these malcontents; they have completely lost their _____ to Christ.

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. Colossians 2:19 NIV

Since you died with Christ... Colossians 2:20a NIV

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. Colossians 2:23 NIV

The Bottom Line

Rather than worry about how others perceive us, stay _____ in Christ, and if we do that we will project the true life change that Jesus brings.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5 NIV

The Challenge

1. Refuse to be guilty of judging or disqualifying anyone's faith because of perception.
2. Spend some significant time this week seeking to strengthen your connection to Christ.