

## Colossians 2:16-19

### *False Teaching Exposed*

#### The Threat of Legalism (vv. 16-17)

- Away from Christ: The Threat Described (v. 16)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Toward Christ: The Threat Displaced (v. 17)

#### The Threat of Experientialism (vv. 18-19)

- Away from Christ: The Threat Described (v. 18)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Toward Christ: The Threat Displaced (v. 19)

## Application of Colossians 2:16-19

1. How would you define legalism? What legalistic practices sometimes exist in the modern church today? Including: food and drinks or special days?
2. Are you finding yourself under judgement or condemnation from others for some of your behaviour over what are 'grey areas'? If so, in what ways is v. 16 an encouragement?
3. Do you hold to any form of judgement of people over grey areas? See Rom 14 (also 1 Cor 8; 10:23-30) for Paul's discussion on how to lovingly relate with other believers who differ on some matters of theology and practice.
4. Some people demand the church observe Saturday as the Sabbath with a day of rest and for worship.
  - a. How does this passage refer to the Sabbath?
  - b. What passage in Scripture describes the early church worshipping on a Sunday ("the first day of the week")?
  - c. What do Rom 14:5 and Gal 4:10-11 imply about the Sabbath?
  - d. Where is the command in the NT to keep the Sabbath?
5. What type of 'religious/spiritual experiences' do people in the modern church elevate above God's Word?
  - a. What does v. 18 say about those who promote their experiences as being a level of spiritual maturity unattainable by 'normal' Christians?
6. Where is genuine spiritual growth found? How are you pursuing Christ for spiritual growth?
7. While the false teachers were promoting legalism and experientialism as a 'supplement' to Christ and therefore turning the Colossians away from Christ, what can you do this week to encourage believers **toward** Christ?

Reading this week: Read through Col 2:8-23

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>False Teaching</i> _____	<u>Other Bible References:</u> _____ _____ _____
<u>Chapter</u>	<b>The _____ of _____ (vv. 16-17)</b> Away from _____: The _____ Described (v. 16) Toward Christ: The Threat _____ (v. ____)	_____ _____ _____
<u>Verses</u>	<b>The _____ of _____ (vv. 18-19)</b> Away from _____: The _____ Described (v. ____) _____ Christ: The _____ Displaced (v. ____)	_____ _____ _____

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	False teaching/teachers	Paul	Spiritual	Threat

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: