

Cell Notes

Don't get disqualified – Stay connected

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Colossians 2v16-23

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Context:

- Letter to the church at Colosse was to a Gentile city, its people did not keep Jewish rituals.
- Paul was concerned with promoting a true picture of Christ and challenging wrong thinking/behaviour influencing the church.
- Ch 2v 6-15 asserts the victory of the cross.

Verses 16-17

- Visitors to Colosse were asserting it wasn't enough to know Christ you had to know him + keep the Jewish law (Cross reference 1 Chron 23 v31).
- Paul is warning Colossians not to give up their freedom in Christ by taking on board external behaviours. Give some of these truths to people in pairs and ask them why they are important for either new Christians or more mature Christians to understand:
 - a) Colossians 2 v14
 - b) Galatians 5 v1
 - c) Mark 7 v15
 - d) Romans 14 v17

Verses 18-19

- The visitors to Colosse were emphasising their (very questionable) unique experiences to put themselves forward as an authority to be heard. How can you use 2 Peter 1 v 3-4 to make sure you keep your guard against people such as the Colosse visitors?
- How does having Christ as "the Head" impact us? Give people a piece of paper and ask them to "brainstorm" how that benefits us if we hold fast to him.
(In the sermon I outlined how God's names mean that he has a certain character that benefits us, you could also think of things Christ has done or does e.g. he intercedes for us etc).

Application: By feeding on his word and being filled continually with the spirit we can ensure that we hold fast to Christ. Give some time to praying for one another.