

**PRESS ON
IN CONFIDENCE****A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS****LESSON 23 COLOSSIANS 2:16-23**

1. In what situations did you respond differently this past week because of what you learned from **Colossians 2:6-15**?

2. Be still and ask the Lord to speak to you from this passage; then read **Colossians 2:16-23**. In one sentence what would you say is the main theme in these verses?

3. Since this portion of the letter begins with “therefore,” it is important to look back and find a connection to prior verses. How is **V16** connected to Paul's teaching so far in **Colossians 2**?

4. a) Which of the “do not” warnings in **V16** resonates most with you, given your own faith journey?

b) How does **V17** help to reorient your thinking?

c) What more did Paul teach on this topic in:
 - **Galatians 4:9-10**

 - **Galatians 5:4**

5. a) In **V18-19**, Paul cautioned against a certain type of person who could lead you astray. What traits should cause you to be wary?
- b) When have you come into contact with someone who displayed any of these traits, and how were you affected? (Please use sensitivity toward others as you answer.)
6. In addition to a warning, **V19** contains positive truths for believers about Christ as “the head.” How does this verse indirectly encourage you?
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7. a) Paul asked a probing question in **V20**. Restate his question, and answer it for yourself.
- b) What is common to each of the three rules in **V21**, and is that consistent with what you know about the message of Jesus?
8. From **V22**, what is the destiny of these rules and why? How does **1 Peter 1:23-25** contrast this?
9. Human rules can enslave us. How does the Word of God differ according to **John 8:31-32**, and how have you experienced this?
10. a) From **V23**, what do human regulations produce, and how effective are they?
- b) Is there anything that surprises you in **V23**? Where or how have you observed something like this?

11. What has **personally** impacted you from this Lesson as you press on in confidence regarding:

a) Human rules and traditions? (Read **Mark 7:6-8**)

b) Your freedom in Christ? (Read **Galatians 5:1**)

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In **V18**, Paul taught that we are not to worship angels, yet a right understanding of them can lead us into worship of the God who created them.

1. How do these verses about angels warm your heart or comfort you?

- **Psalm 91:11**

- **Luke 15:10**

- **Hebrews 1:14**

2. How do these other verses on angels sober or challenge you?

- **Matthew 13:49-50**

- **1 Corinthians 6:3**

- **2 Corinthians 11:14**

- **Galatians 1:8**

- **Jude 1:6**

3. a) Write the Suggested Memory Verse: **Galatians 5:1a**

b) Form a prayer based on any aspect from this Lesson.

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