

THINGS THAT WILL SHIPWRECK YOUR FAITH...

Practical commands on how not to be enslaved by false teaching Part 3

Colossians 2:20-23

- I. **Review:** DO NOT LET ANYONE MANIPULATE YOU INTO RELYING ON THE RELIGIOUS SHADOWS (legalism), rather trust Christ, the substance (16-17)

- II. **Review:** DO NOT LET ANYONE DEFRAUD YOU THOUGH RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE (mysticism) rather hold fast to Christ and grow (18-19)

- III. **DO NOT BE DECEIVED INTO SUBMITTING TO Man-Centered RELIGIOUS DECREES (asceticism) that have no value against fleshly indulgence (20-23)**
 - A. **The question asked:** If you have in Christ died to the world's wisdom and ways, why are you submitting to man-centered religious decrees? (20-22)
 1. Why would you do this in light of your union with Christ? (20)

 2. Examples of man-centered religious decrees (21-22, 23)

 3. The twisted reality of foolish self-denial (22)

 - B. **The temptation explained:** They have the appearance of religious wisdom (23a)

 - C. **The reality exposed:** They are of no value against fleshly Indulgence (23b)