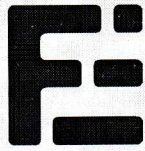


Wed Night



FRESH ENCOUNTER

# WALK IN CHRIST

AUGUST 16, 2023 | TOBI ENGLAND

*"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. 20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, 21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not; 22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh." (Colossians 2:6-23)*

- body of Christ 1 Cor 12:11-27

## INTRODUCTION

- become established in your faith
  - \* become rooted in Christ
  - \* become built up in Christ
- received Christ
  - \* as you have been taught

## 1. DON'T LET SOMEONE Spoil YOU (v. 8)

- beware (look to be careful)
  - spoil (cheat/plunder/take captive)
    - \* thru human wisdom that disregards God
  - God's wisdom: "In Jesus lives all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."
- A. From βλέπω, translated "beware" several times but normally means "to see"

- B. How Christian can be taken captive  
THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND VAIN DECEIT (emptiness)  
TRADITIONS OF MEN

RUDIMENTS OF THE WORLD - principles of living

- C. Why? Because we have all in Jesus Complete in Christ

WE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM (vs. 10)

WE ARE CIRCUMCISED IN HIM (vs. 11) (not by human hands)

WE ARE BAPTIZED IN HIM (vs. 12)

WE ARE MADE ALIVE (vs. 13)

BECAUSE JESUS WIPED AWAY YOUR DEBT (vs. 14) - death

BECAUSE JESUS NAILED YOUR SIN TO THE CROSS (vs. 14)

BECAUSE JESUS SPOILED THE POWERS THAT ARE HOSTILE TO YOU (vs. 15)

BECAUSE JESUS SHAMED AND TRIUMPHED OVER THEM (vs. 15)

**2. DON'T LET SOMEONE Judge YOU** (v. 16)

- + Jewish holidays were a shadow of things to come
- substance is of Christ
- \* Christ died of Passover
- \* Christ came alive in First Fruits, Unleavened Bread

A. This is another imperative—They could not to let others judge them in these areas without disobeying a direct command in Scripture (vs. 16)

MEAT (food)

DRINK

HOLIDAYS (feast days)

NEW MOONS - polytheism gods feast days

SABBATHS - Jewish holidays

B. All of these were in the law, and all of the law was a shadow of things to come (vs. 17)

**3. DON'T LET SOMEONE Beguile YOU** (v. 18)

- beguile = deceive you
- Christian life described in vs. 19-20
- \* hold fast to the head Jesus Christ
- \* God gives spiritual body the increase
- \* died with Christ from worldly principles

A. People will try to get you disqualified (vs. 18)

VOLUNTARY HUMILITY AND WORSHIPPING OF ANGELS.  
THIS IS ASCETICISM

PUFFED UP BY ~~VISIONS~~ fleshly mind (prideful)

B. Mystics and legalists lose their connection with the Head

YOU CAN'T ADD ANYTHING TO CHRIST ANY MORE THAN  
YOU CAN ROUND OFF A PERFECT CIRCLE OR SMOOTH OFF  
A PERFECT SPHERE

C. If you've died in Christ, why are you subject to these legalistic rules? (vs. 20)

DON'T TOUCH

DON'T TASTE

DON'T HANDLE

} (vs. 21)

- 2:23 No value against indulgence of the flesh
  - \* appearance of wisdom & neglect of body
- D. Subjugation to human commandments and teaching of men is highly blameworthy
- E. Legalism occurs when we take what was to be a sign of faith and make it a condition of grace
  - pagentry & ritual replacing faith
- F. Such regulations appear religious, humble, and sacrificial
- G. But they are of no value in stopping fleshly indulgence

#### CONCLUSION

- 1 Cor. 15:3-4 Christ died for our sins, was buried, & raised to life the 3<sup>rd</sup> day according to the Scriptures
- Feast Days listed in Old Testament was shadow of things to come
  - \* 1 Cor 5:7 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
    - x purge out the old leaven (Feast of Unleavened Bread)
  - \* 1 Cor 15:20,23 Now is Christ risen from the dead & become the firstfruits (resurrection) of them that sleep in His own order Christ the firstfruits, & afterward they that are Christ's at His coming



VIEW THE NOTES ONLINE



Lancaster Baptist Church • 4020 E. Lancaster Blvd. • Lancaster, CA 93535  
661.946.4663 • lancasterbaptist.org • Paul Chappell, Pastor