

COLOSSIANS – 2:16-17

*“Let no man therefore judge you ...
Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”*

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1. 2:16 – Let No Man Judge You

- a. “Don’t judge” – Mat 7:1, but... Mat 19:28, Luke 6:37 amplifies
- b. The lesson is about hypocrisy and mercy – Romans 2:1-4
- c. Judge ~*def* 1.) discern truth/error, 2) form opinion, 3) pass severe sentence
- d. Jesus taught to judge truth and error – Luke 7:40-43, 12:56-57
- e. Jesus judged righteously – John 5:22,27; 7:15-16, 24; John 12:46-48
- f. Judge all things upon the word of God – 1 Cor 2:13-15, 4:3-4 (5:3-6)
- g. Judge what is good – 1 Cor 5:9-13, 6:2-3
- h. No man can judge you in Christ; you are not in the flesh– Rom 5:8, 12:5, Gal 2:20
- i. God is the judge in Christ, he has ordained authorities – Mat 16:19, 2 Cor 10:8
- j. Your authority is the Lord Jesus Christ – Eph 5:23, Col 1:18

2. Liberty and Judgment

- a. (Abstaining from) Meats and drinks was required – Acts 10:14
- b. “No greater bondage than these”- Acts 15:20-21,28-29 vs. Gal 2:4-5,10
- c. The Sabbath law was required – Exodus 31:14-16, Num 15:32-36
- d. The law had rules for days, weeks, months, and years – Num 28:3, 4, 11, 25
- e. The days were a part of Israel’s prophecy – Isa 66:22-23
- f. These things are bondage, and are contrary to liberty – Gal 4:9-11, 5:1-3
- g. The Colossians were not to be judged by those who esteemed - Romans 14
- h. Neither were they to destroy the weaker brother – Rom 14:13-15, 20-21
- i. Meat offered to idols is nothing, but the weak ...1 Cor 8:4-9
- j. Modern religious holidays are tradition not scriptural – Col 2:8

3. 2:17 – A Shadow and a Body

- a. The ordinances and festivals are still a shadow – Heb 8:4-5, 13:14, Rom 11:26
- b. “Things to come” is the incomplete future prophetic kingdom – Heb 11:20
- c. The body is your participation: complete in Christ – Col 2:10