

“Holding Fast the Head”

Colosians 2:18-19

Introduction:

- A. Two major threats to purity of New Testament Christianity.
 - 1. Judizers who said Christians must be circumcised. (v. 11-17)
 - 2. Greek Philosophy which searched for meaning of life and duty of life through knowledge and thought rather than divine revelation. (v. 8-10, 18-23).
- B. Paul gives good reasons for holding fast to the head - Jesus without mixing Christianity unmixed with either system:

Discussion:

I. They Did Not Need The Wisdom Of The Philosophers.

- A. In Christ they had all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (2:1-3).
 - 1. In Him the mystery is revealed. (1:24-2:5)
 - 2. In Him we have sufficient knowledge. (1:9-12)
 - 3. In Him we have knowledge of nature of Godhead. (1:15, 2:9).
- B. In Christ they were complete. (2:8-10).
 - 1. In Him we have light. (1:12-13)
 - 2. In Him we have redemption. (1:14).
 - 3. In Him we have real meaning of life and existence. (1:16-23).
- C. In Christ we had every thing of spiritual value. (2:18-23)

II. They Did Not Need The Ordinances Of The Jews.

- A. In Christ they had a better circumcision. (2:11-12).
- B. In Christ they had the “real thing” rather than shadow. (2:13-17).

Conclusion:

- A. As they had received Christ they were to walk in Him. (2:6,7) rather than adding either Greek Philosophy or Jewish ordinances.
- B. As members of His body they were to hold fast to the head. (2:19)