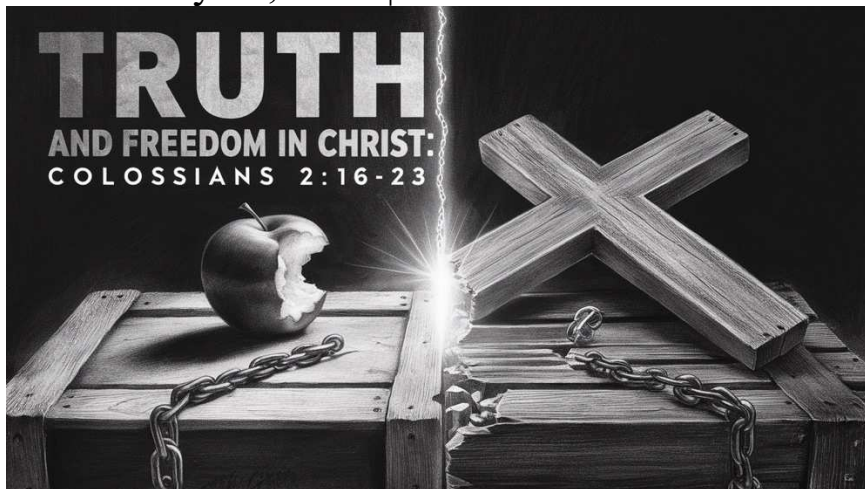


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V16: Freedom from Judgment (of others)

- Reference Verses: *Romans 14:3 Romans 14:13, Galatians 4:9-11*

V17: The Shadow and the Substance

- Reference Verses: *Hebrews 8:5-6, Hebrews 10:1, Galatians 3:23-25*

V18: Don't Be Defrauded

- Reference Verses: *Romans 16:17-18, 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, Galatians 5:1*

V19: Christ | The Head of the body

- Reference Verses: *1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 4:15-16.*

V20: (if) In Christ | Leave the former life

- Reference Verses: *Romans 6:1-2, Galatians 2:20.*

V21: Religion = Rules and Regulations

- Reference Verses: *Matthew 15:11, Romans 14:17, Mark 7:18-23*

V22: The flesh, like food, will perish

- Reference Verses: *2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 1 Peter 1:24, Matthew 6:19-21*

V23: Self-Made Religion

- Reference Verses: *Titus 1:14, 1 Corinthians 3:19, James 3:15-17*

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Colossae: The rural church	Laodicea: The city church
Faithful to God and his Word	Lukewarm church: <i>Rev 3:15-16</i>

In revelation, John was told twice not to worship the angels.

- *Revelation 19:10* and *Revelation 22:8-9*

Visions and prophecies: They are to align with God and his Word:

- *Ezekiel 13:7* and *Jeremiah 14:14* speak of false / lying visions.
- *2 Peter 1:20-21* reminds us that prophecy comes from God: carried along by the Holy Spirit, not by man.

Know the difference between the *I will* and the great **I AM**.

Satan / The Devil, felt that he could do it on his own "*I will*"
God is the great **I AM**.

Satan's Statement <i>"I will"</i> (<i>Isaiah 14:12-15</i>)	God's " I AM " Rebukes
<i>I will</i> ascend into heaven above the stars of God (<i>Isaiah 14:13B-C</i>)	I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God (<i>Isaiah 45:5, Isaiah 43:11</i>)
<i>I will</i> set my throne on high (<i>Isaiah 14:13D</i>)	I am God Almighty (<i>Genesis 17:1, Psalm 95:3, Job 42:2</i>)
<i>I will</i> sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north (<i>Isaiah 14:13E-F</i>)	I am the King of glory, the Lord strong and mighty (<i>Psalm 24:8-10, Psalm 47:2, Psalm 29:10</i>)
<i>I will</i> ascend above the heights of the clouds; (<i>Isaiah 14:14A</i>)	I am the Most High, who is seated above the circle of the earth (<i>Isaiah 40:22, Psalm 103:19, Psalm 113:4-5</i>)
<i>I will</i> make myself like the Most High. (<i>Isaiah 14:14B</i>)	I AM WHO I AM (<i>Exodus 3:14, John 8:58, Revelation 1:8</i>)

Consider *Isaiah 14:13A* and *v15*: "You said in your heart (*v13A*)... But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit (*v15*)." This is directly connected to *Ezekiel 28:17*.

Do not be like the fool who says in his heart "*there is no God*" (*Psalm 14:1*) and **do not** fall into the *deceit* or *disqualifying* of the devil. **Resist** the devil and he will **flee** from you (*James 4:6-7*). **Find salvation, truth and freedom in Christ!** (*Acts 14:6, Galatians 5:1, James 8:32, 36, Ephesians 1:7*).

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