

TRUTH

AND FREEDOM IN CHRIST:

COLOSSIANS · 2:16-23:





PRAYER

V16: Freedom from Judgment (of others)

"Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath."

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

V17: The Shadow and the Substance

"These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ."

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

V18: Don't Be Defrauded

"Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind."

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



Revelation 19:10

Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 22:8-9

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

V19: Christ | The Head of the body

"And not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God."

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

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

"If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—"

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

V21: Religion = Rules and Regulations

"Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch"

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

V22: The flesh, like food, will perish

"(referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?"

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

V23: Self-Made Religion

"These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh."

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



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A close-up, symmetrical view of a tree trunk, showing the intricate, fibrous texture of the wood. The wood is dark brown with lighter, golden-brown highlights where the light catches the grain. The word "BENEDICTON" is written across the center of the image in large, white, textured letters that appear to be made of stone or concrete. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving them a three-dimensional appearance as if they are resting on or attached to the wood. The overall composition is highly detailed and visually striking due to the contrast between the natural wood and the man-made text.

BENEDICTON