

Colossians 2:16-23

Series: Colossians: Maturing as a Jesus-Follower
"False Teaching's Empty Promise"

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Why is spiritual direction-setting and growth more difficult than following directions off of mapquest.com?

Were the false teachers in Colossae *inside* or *outside* the church community?

What were the false teachers actually teaching?

- 1) _____ practices (vv. 16, 21)
- 2) _____ worship (v. 18a)
- 3) the significance of _____ (v. 18b)
- 4) false _____ / arrogance (vv. 18, 23)

What is false teaching's empty promise?

In his book, *The Furious Longing of God*, what does Brennan Manning suggest we do with our spiritual growth (65)?

How can we spot false teaching today?

- 1) Be aware that *asceticism* is still prevalent.
- 2) Just as the Colossian false teachers used visions, be wary of teachers using similar '*classification*' tools.
- 3) False teaching is predominantly *self-centered*, rather than being *Christocentric*.
- 4) False teaching motivates via *selfishness* rather than *other-directedness*.

*"To just read the Bible, attend church, and avoid 'big' sins—
is this passionate, wholehearted love for God?"*

- Francois Fenelon, *The Seeking Heart* -