

# CHRIST OVER COUNTERFEITS

## —CHRISTUS VICTOR WEEK 17—

*Colossians 2:16-23 (NIV)*

I. \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_, NOT \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

<sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you.

Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind.

<sup>19</sup> They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

II. \_\_\_\_\_ WITH \_\_\_\_\_, NOT \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>20</sup> Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules:

<sup>21</sup> “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”?

<sup>22</sup> These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings.

<sup>23</sup> Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

With \_\_\_\_\_ you have \_\_\_\_\_  
so don't \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_!

In what ways right now is the world's or Satan's opinion of you louder in your ears than God's opinion of you?

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What do you need to do this week to adjust your hearing so that God's opinion of you becomes louder?

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Who do you need to tell or include to make it happen?

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### **TESTS of Spiritual Experiences** (Beekmann and Bolt, *Silencing Satan*, 193-98)

Test the source of every manifestation and assume you can be fooled.

Evaluate the experience and content in light of Scripture.

Speak directly to Jesus who is our mediator.

Trust God to guide you. Wait on him.

Step out in faith and observe the fruit of your effort and fulfillment of content.