



Defending Christ From False Teachers

I want (you) to have full confidence because (you) have complete understanding of God's secret plan, which is Christ Himself.

Colossians 2:2

4 Threats to freedom in Christ:

Threat #1 False Philosophy

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. Colossians 2:8

The Problem: It's appeal to human _____.

For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body, and you are complete through your union with Christ. He is the Lord over every ruler and authority in the universe. Colossians 2:9,10

The Solution: Remember _____ is our _____.

In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col. 2:3

Dear brothers and sisters, when I first came to you I didn't use lofty words and brilliant ideas to tell you God's message. For I decided to concentrate only on Jesus Christ and his death on the cross..... 1 Corinthians 2:1,2

Threat #2 Legalistic Righteousness

So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new-moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. For these rules were only shadows of the real thing, Christ himself.

Colossians 2:16,17

The Problem: It's appeal to human _____.

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross. Col. 2:13,14

The Solution: Remember _____ is our _____.

Threat #3 Mystical Experience

Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions. Colossians 2:18

The Problem: It's appeal to human _____.

But they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For we are joined together in his body by his strong sinews, and we grow only as we get our nourishment and strength from God. Colossians 2:19

The Solution: Remember _____ is our _____.

Threat #4 Aceticism/Self-Denial

You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the evil powers of this world. So why do you keep on following rules of the world, such as, "Don't handle, don't eat, don't touch." Such rules are mere human teaching about things that are gone as soon as we use them. These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, humility, and severe bodily discipline. But they have no effect when it comes to conquering a person's evil thoughts and desires. Colossians 2:20-23

3 Problems of Asceticism: The rules don't _____.

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The Problem: It's appeal to human _____.

Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on self-denial. Col. 2:18a

The Solution: Remember _____ is our _____.

When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. It was a spiritual procedure—the cutting away of your sinful nature. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to a new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. Colossians 2:11,12