

Colossians 2:14-17 Outline

- A. Handwriting of ordinances (the meaning of this will be tackled last), against us, contrary to us, nailing it to the stake...
1. Against us, contrary to us -- What does this mean?
 2. Nailing it to his cross -- we understand this to mean something brought to an end.
- B. Let no man judge you... part 1. (Only 2 persons are in position to judge here....)
1. Person speaking, Paul or,
 2. False teachers (vs. 4, 8, 18, 20-22). vs. 4--“lest any man,” vs. 8--“lest any man,” vs. 16--“Let no man,” vs. 18--“Let no man,” vs.22--commandments and doctrines of men”
 3. Where (in whose system) was wisdom & knowledge found? vs. 2,3,6,7 Whose did Paul teach? (1- next page)
- C. ...in meat, drink, holyday, new moon, Sabbath days.
1. Meat and drink--Protestants say this is where Paul did away with clean/unclean foods. Is this what Paul did?
 2. Sabbath days--Two different interpretations. Who’s right?
 - a. Protestants say Sabbath was nailed to the cross. Col 2 is THE proof text for the abrogation of the law of which the Sabbath is a part.
 - b. SDA’s say ceremonial Sabbaths were nailed to the stake.
 3. This is where World Wide Church of God (cousin of SDA church) left the Sabbath message.
 - a. “*days*” is in italics. Now it reads - Sabbath. So what was nailed?
 - b. Our interpretation is equally tenuous and inconsistent.
 1. “Sabbath *days*” = Ceremonial--Annual--Festival Sabbaths
 2. What is an “holyday” then? Ceremonial--Annual--Festival Sabbaths. (2 - next page)
- D. Let no man judge you... part 2.
1. Paul is **not** doing the judging.
 2. Paul is saying, let not the false teachers judge your service (which I taught you) with their vain precepts.
- E. Which **are** shadows of things to come.
1. Paul does not say *were* shadows of things to come because he believes there is yet still future application.
 2. Paul can’t say *were* because he is keeping the feasts himself and teaching his converts to do so as well. (3 – next page)
- F. Were/are there any yet future applications for the annual Sabbaths after the cross?
1. “This (new ordinance) do in remembrance of me...” Passover will be observed in heaven. (Polycrates’ letter)
 2. If the crucifixion did away with all festival Sabbaths, why did 120 believers meet on Pentecost and receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the appointed time?
 3. 1844 = Day of Atonement
 - a. What represents Messiah in the Day of Atonement ceremony? (4-next page)
 - b. Does priest tear up or destroy law during DOA ceremony? If not in type, then not in antitype either.
 - c. Judging (cleansing) is still going on.
 - d. Sins not yet laid on Scapegoat, nor has Scapegoat been led into wilderness. Has type met antitype?
 4. **Malachi 4:4-6**. Statutes will be a part of the Elijah Message that the remnant will proclaim.
 5. New moons will be observed for all eternity, **Isaiah 66:22-23** Why observe moons?
 6. Feast of Tabernacles, **Zech 14: (3-4) 13-19**. This feast points to the third coming. Shadow is still cast.
- G. Handwriting of ordinances against us, part 2.
1. Is the Law of the Almighty, including the statutes/feasts, against me? (5 – next page)
 2. What handwritten record in heaven or earth is against me? (6 next page)
 3. Literal interpretation. (handout of how we should understand Col 2. based on correct translation)
 4. What does the weight of evidence indicate? Will we have spiritual integrity? We demand integrity in business, we must demand it theologically. Will we believe what the Bible and SOP say or will we deny what is plain ink on the page?