

On Being Robbed Of Your Reward

Colossians 2:18-23

Intro:

- A. These Colossians were faithful Christians.
 - 1. Vs. 5 They had unity and steadfastness.
 - 2. Vs. 7 They were rooted and growing in Christ.
 - 3. Vs. 10 They were complete in Him.
- B. They faced certain dangers.
 - 1. Vs. 4 They were in danger of being cheated.
 - 2. Vs. 8 They were in danger of being kidnapped.
 - 3. Vs. 18 Paul now warns them of yet another danger.

I. They Could Lose Their Rewards By Listening To Man.

- A. They could not lose their salvation.
 - 1. They were complete in Christ.
 - 2. Their sins and trespasses were Forgiven.
 - 3. The ordinances that opposed them were taken out of the way.
- B. Vs. 18 "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels..."
 - 1. "Beguile" = καταβραβεω = "to give the prize against any one", "to deprive of the palm of victory".
 - 2. "Voluntary" = θελω = "to will", "to desire".
 - 3. "Humility" = παπεινοφροσυνη = "lowliness of mind".
 - 4. "Worshipping" = θρησκεια = "the external form of worship", "the ceremonial part".
 - 5. "Let no man succeed in his wish to defraud you of your prize, persuading you to self-humiliation, and worship of angels." - Con
- C. "...intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind."
 - 1. "Intruding" = εμβατευω = "to enter into", "to penetrate".
 - 2. "Vainly" = εικη = "without purpose", "to no purpose".
 - 3. "Puffed up" = φυσιωω = "to puff up", "blow up".
 - 4. "Such a man takes his stand upon false visions;

his is the ill-founded confidence that comes of human speculation." - Knox

II. The Reason Such Men Become False Teachers.

- A. "And not holding the head,"
1. "Holding" = κρατεω = "to hold fast to someone", "to remain closely united with someone".
 2. "Head" = κεφαλη = "the head" a title.
 3. "He doesn't cling to the Head" - Beck
 4. Too much attention given to the body parts.
- B. "from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together."
1. "Nourishment" = επιχορηγεω = "to be supplied", "to receive help".
 2. "Knit together" = συμβιβαζω = "to make come together", "to unite", "to bind together".
 3. "on whom the whole body must depend, supplied and unified by joint and ligament."
- C. "increaseth with the increase of God."
1. "Increases" = αυζαυω = "to receive increase", "to grow", "to grow up".
 2. "grows with a growth that God produces" - Wms

III. Those In Christ Need Nothing But Christ.

- A. Vs. 20 "Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world,"
1. "Rudiments" = στοιχειον = "component parts of a series", "first principles", (according to the thinking of the world). Vs 8
 2. "Dead" = αποθνησκω = "to die", "really dead".
 3. "If, by dying with Christ, you have parted company with worldly principles." - Knox
- B. "...why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,"
1. "Subject to ordinances" = δογματιζομαι = "to submit to opinions laid down", "to suffer opinions to be laid down as laws for one's self".
 2. "Why do you submit, as though your life were still that of the world, to such ordinances as..." TCNT

- C. Vs. 21, 22a (Touch not; taste not; handle not; which are all to perish with the using;)
1. "Touch" = άπτομαι = "to take hold of", "to grasp".
 2. "Taste" = γευομαι = "to partake of", "to enjoy".
 3. "Handle" = θιγγανω = "to touch", "to carress".
 4. "Perish" = φθορα = "a spoiling", "corruption".
 5. "Using" = αποχρησις = "by consumption".
 6. "Do not handle this; Do not taste that; Do not touch that other thing;" - Way, "For all the things referred to in them cease to exist when used" - TCNT
- D. "after the commandments and doctrines of men."
1. "Commandments" = ενταλμα = "the thing that enjoined", "a command".
 2. "Doctrines" = διδασκαλια = "the substance or result of teaching".
 3. "You are following mere human directions and instructions" - TCNT

IV. This Kind Of Worship Looks Good To The World.

- A. Vs. 23 "which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will-worship..."
1. "Shew of" = λογος = "to have the repute of". It had the reputation, but not the reality.
 2. "Wisdom" = σοφια = "cleverness".
 3. "Will worship" = εθελοθρησκεια = "a self-devised, external form of ceremonial service, a mode of ceremonial service chosen for one's self.
 4. "I know that these regulations look wise with their self-inspired efforts at worship.." - Phi
- B. "and humility, and neglecting of the body..."
1. "Humility" = ταπεινοφροσυνη = "lowliness of mind".
 2. "Neglecting" = αφειδια = "unsparing", "austerity".
- C. "not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh."
1. "Honour" = τιμη = "a holding worth, value".
 2. "Satisfying" = πλησμονη = "a filling as with food".
 3. "and their fake humility and ascetic discipline, but they are worthless when the flesh nature wants to be satisfied."