

Colossians - Chapter 2

“Chasing Experiences”

Colossians 2:19

Verse 19

1. Now we come to another problem that was threatening this church - the issue of religious mysticism. This is the belief that a person can tap into the invisible _____ world and have contact with spirit-beings.
2. Obviously, there were people at Colosse that were claiming to have had contact and experiences with angels.
3. Paul basically gives three reasons why these false teachers had become engrossed in religious mysticism and angels:
 - A. **First reason - they had been _____.** vs. 18
 - B. **Second reason - they possessed a _____ humility.**
 - C. **Third reason - they were intruding into areas that were _____.**
4. There are two responses that believers can have to Paul's teaching:
 - First, they can become vainly _____ up in their fleshly minds.
vs. 18
 - People can know that they are vainly puffed up when their experiences become the basis of _____.
 - The words “*puffed up*” carry the idea of being “inflated.” This is what experience-based religion does. It inflates your ego, but leaves you spiritually _____.
 - Second, believers can choose to _____ the Head (Jesus Christ).
vs. 19
 - The word “*holding*” carries the idea of grabbing on to something and not _____ go.
 - What a shame when people cling to everything **but** Christ.

- Remember, we are in Christ. Everything we need to be strengthened and nourished and to grow is found in Him (vs. 19). This is how true spiritual _____ is made.
Ephesians 4:14-16
- Don't fall for Satan's _____ and allow him to beguile and defraud you by getting you to chase after experiences. Hold the Head, cling to Christ, study God's Word, and discover all that God has made you in Christ.