

Colossians - Chapter 2

“The Law and Sabbath Days – Shadows of Things to Come”

Colossians 2:16-17

Verse 16

1. Paul's conclusion is *“Let no man therefore judge you...”*
2. False teachers were telling these believers that they needed to keep aspects of the Old Testament law system in order to be accepted by God and truly experience a deeper spiritual life. They were teaching that they must keep:
 - Jewish _____ laws - *“meat, or in drink”*
 - Jewish _____ - *“holyday, or of the new moon”*
1 Chronicles 23:31-32; Isaiah 1:13-14
 - Jewish _____ days - *“sabbath days”*
3. The weekly Sabbath day was given to the nation of Israel and was a _____ of the covenant relationship that God had with the nation of Israel. Exodus 31:12-13, 17-18
 - God promised Israel eternal _____ in His habitation in Zion.
Exodus 15:17-18
 - God will come and dwell among them and give Israel, the earth, and Himself perfect rest.
 - *“Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.”*
Jeremiah 30:10

- *“At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.” Jeremiah 31:1-3*
 - This is the promise to His people, Israel.
 - The Sabbath day was a weekly _____ and picture of the eternal rest God had promised to them on the earth, in the future.
4. Why don't we observe the Sabbath day today? Why is it a non-issue?
- As believers in the body of Christ, we don't have an **earthly** hope of an **earthly** rest as Israel does. We are seated in _____ places in Christ. Ephesians 2:6
 - The work of redemption is finished and complete. Now today, Christ bids us to believe upon and rest in His _____ work. He is our place of rest and peace with God.
 - We do not rest in a _____ - we rest in a **Person** - Jesus Christ. Romans 14:1-8
5. If any person or religion judges you based on these outward observances, they really are judging Jesus Christ. They are saying that what Christ did on the cross is _____ enough.

Verse 17

1. The Old Testament law (with its feasts, ceremonies, Sabbath rests, etc.) was full of shadows of things to come for the nation of Israel. These types and shadows will find their ultimate fulfillment in Christ's coming kingdom to this earth.
2. These things have _____ to do with us today, in the present. They have to do with God's program for Israel in the future. This is why it says that they are shadows **“of things to come.”**
3. Notice Paul exclaims, *“...but the body is of Christ.”*

4. We don't need a _____; we have the **substance**! We have been brought into an intimate union of complete oneness with Christ.
Ephesians 5:30-32
5. We don't need the Old Testament _____ that pointed Israel to a future day in which their Messiah would rule and reign on earth and give them rest. We have Christ in our hearts as a present _____.
6. Remember the theme of this entire passage. We are complete in Christ! Tell the religious legalists to hit the road, because you are _____ in Christ!!

**Rapture
of the church**

**Second coming
of Christ**

**Sabbath Days:
shadows of things
to come for Israel**
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Old Testament



**Body of Christ
Dispensation
of Grace**

Tribulation

**Kingdom
Rest for
Israel**

*SABBATH DAY
COMMAND GIVEN
TO ISRAEL
Exodus 19:2-3*

*CHRIST'S
FINISHED WORK
ON THE CROSS*

*SABBATH DAY
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PERSON (CHRIST)
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*7 YEARS
OF WRATH*

*THE SHADOW OF
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FULFILLED IN
ISRAEL'S KINGDOM
REST ON EARTH*