Colossians 2:19 He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

Colossians 2:20 Since you died with Christ to the <u>basic principles</u> <u>of this world</u>, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules...

Colossians 2:21 "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"?²² These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings.

Colossians 2:23 Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but <u>they lack any value in</u> <u>restraining sensual indulgence</u>.

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The Christ-Centered Solution

<u>F</u>on Christ.

Colossians 2:6 (RSV) As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him,

⁷ <u>rooted</u> and <u>built</u> up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

- As you received ... so live. v. 6
- As you were rooted ... be built up. v. 7
- As you were taught ... be established in the truth. v. 7

Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you <u>captive</u> through <u>hollow</u> and <u>deceptive</u> philosophy, which depends on <u>human</u> tradition and the basic principles of <u>this world</u> rather than <u>on Christ</u>.

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Colossians 2:9 For in Christ all the *fullness* of the Deity

lives in bodily form,

¹⁰ and you have been given <u>fullness in Christ</u>, who is the head over every power and authority.

Colossians 2:13b ... He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

with Christ.

Colossians 2:11 In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ,

Colossians 2:12 ... having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

<u>F_____</u>through Christ

Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, <u>God made you alive</u> with Christ.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrated His love for us in this way: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!

Colossians 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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The Human-Centered Solution

Colossians 2:16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.
¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things that were to come; <u>the reality, however, is found in Christ</u>.

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