

INGREDIENTS THAT RUIN YOUR FAITH

Colossians 2:16-23 (ESV)

Don't ruin your faith by adding to the fullness found in Jesus.

Shadows Over Substance: Colossians 2:16–17

The false teachers have a _____ of judgment that they apply harshly.

They determine spirituality based on:

- What people eat or do not eat.
- What people drink or do not drink.
- What holidays or special days people celebrate or do not celebrate.

Don't grow more concerned about the rules than the Rule Giver.

Don't settle for something that points to Jesus and never experience true communion with Jesus.

Superiority Over Support: Colossians 2:18-19

The false teachers promote _____ performance and division.

Characteristics of false spirituality:

- False humility
- Spiritual pride
- A sense of superiority over others

Don't focus on spiritual superiority over the support found in the body of Christ.

Spiritual superiority ruins your faith because you separate, isolate, and suffocate.

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Self Over The Savior: Colossians 2:20-23

The false teachers _____ self over the work of Jesus in them.

Their approach:

- Their goal of righteousness and holiness is never met.
- They appear wise and disciplined.

What false teachers promote has no power to stop the indulgence of the flesh.

Choosing self over the Savior rejects the power Christ provides to overcome sin.

Victory over sin comes through Christ, not self-effort.

Application:

True spirituality is found in Christ alone. Remain connected to Him, trust His work, and walk in the freedom and power He provides.

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