

Religious Worldliness—Colossians 2:20-23

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Paul warns the Colossians against those who would have them live their Christian lives by following human regulations, thus discounting the work of Christ who died to rescue them from the worthlessness of self-imposed religion. Paul appeals to them by explaining that this *religious worldliness* is counterproductive to the Christian life for at least three reasons:

1. It ignores the cross work of Christ (20).
2. It focuses the believer's attention on things below (21-22).
3. It offers false hope for sanctification (23).