

“REJECT THE SPIRITUAL COUNTERFEIT OF MYSTICISM!”

(Colossians 2:18-19)

V. THE PROBLEM OF AND PROTECTION FROM FALSE TEACHING (2:4-2:23)

A. GENERALLY (2:4-7)

B. SPECIFICALLY (2:8)

C. DOCTRINALLY (2:9-15)

D. PRACTICALLY (2:16-23)

1. **Application #1:** Reject the spiritual counterfeit of RITUALISTIC LEGALISM. (vv. 16-17)

2. **Application #2:** Resist the spiritual counterfeit of _____.
(vv. 18-19)

a. The *command* to resist mysticism (v. 18a)

* What is mysticism?

1) This is a prohibition against letting someone act as an _____ and condemn _____, or _____ you based on mysticism.

2) This command extends to _____ in Christ, as anyone can be deceived or intimidated.

3) This imperative is to be _____ and _____ applied as need requires.

4) This warning is directed to _____ mystical _____ that comes your way regardless of personality, charisma, popularity, etc.

* How did this danger show itself in Colossae?

* How does mysticism show itself today?

b. The *characteristics* of mysticism (v. 18b)

1) Mystical teachers _____ grace-oriented believers who believe in the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ.

2) Mysticism delights in a _____ but _____ humility.

3) Mysticism claims _____, but these are not from God.

* What did these experiences involve at Colossae?

4) Mysticism leads to religious _____.

c. The *concise criticism* of mysticism. (v. 19)

1) The problem of mysticism revolves around... “_____ to the Head.”

2) The product of mysticism is a counterfeit spirituality resulting in the prevention of _____ spiritual _____ for one in the Body of Christ.

* How does genuine spiritual growth occur?

* How does all of this apply to you?