

HOW TO WIN IN THE VICTORIOUS LIFE

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HOW TO AVOID CAPTURE

Colossians 2

⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with persuasive argument.

⁵ For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit,
rejoicing to see
your good discipline
and the stability of your faith in Christ.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
walk in Him,

⁷ having been firmly rooted
and now being built up in Him
and established in your faith,
just as you were instructed,
and overflowing with gratitude.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive
through philosophy and empty deception,
according to the tradition of men,
according to the elementary principles of the world,
rather than according to Christ.

⁹ For
in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete,
and He is the head over all rule and authority;

¹¹ and in Him you were also circumcised
with a circumcision made without hands,
in the removal of the body of the flesh
by the circumcision of Christ;

¹² having been buried with Him in baptism,
in which you were also raised up with Him
through faith in the working of God,
who raised Him from the dead.

¹³ And

when you were dead
in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
He made you alive together with Him,
having forgiven us all our transgressions,

¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt
consisting of decrees against us
and which was hostile to us;
and He has taken it out of the way,
having nailed it to the cross.

¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities,
He made a public display of them,
having triumphed over them through Him.

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¹⁶ Therefore 1. R_____ who we are in Christ (2:9-15)

let no one act as your judge
in regard to food or drink
or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day--

¹⁷ things which are a *mere* shadow of what is to come;
but the substance belongs to Christ. 2. Avoid l_____ influence

¹⁸ Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize
by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels,
taking his stand on *visions* he has seen,
inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, 3. Avoid m_____ influence

¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head,
from whom the entire body,
being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments,
grows with a growth which is from God.
4. Do life with Jesus + _____

²⁰ If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world,
why,
as if you were living in the world,
do you submit yourself to decrees,
such as,

²¹ "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!"

²² (which all *refer to* things destined to perish with the using)—
in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?

²³ These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom
in self-made religion and self-abasement
and severe treatment of the body,
but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

5. Examine m_____

3:1 If then you have been raised up with Christ,
keep seeking the things above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

6. Focus on h_____

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,

then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. 7. Live for His c_____

⁵ Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead
to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed,
which amounts to idolatry.

8. F_____

⁶ For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come,

⁷ and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

9. Develop G_____ perspective

⁸ But now you also, put them all aside:

anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

(F_____)

⁹ Do not lie to one another,

since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,

¹⁰ and have put on the new self who is being renewed

to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him

¹¹ -- *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction*

between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised,

barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman,

but Christ is all, and in all.

10. Practice i_____