



## Be On Guard

Colossians 2:16-23

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### What Are the Dangers to Guard Against?

- Falling for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the World (2:8)
- Pursuing the \_\_\_\_\_ Around Us (2:8)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2:16)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2:18)
- Asceticism or \_\_\_\_\_ to Earn Approval (2:21-23)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Activity (2:23)

### How Could We Be Vulnerable to These Dangers Today?

- ◆ We can be religious but ignore a \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.
- ◆ We can follow \_\_\_\_\_, engage in \_\_\_\_\_, and follow religious \_\_\_\_\_ so we can measure our “spirituality.”
- ◆ We can substitute “religious experiences” and \_\_\_\_\_ for a walk with Jesus.
- ◆ We can walk in our \_\_\_\_\_ instead of grace and humility.
- ◆ We feel we must \_\_\_\_\_ to earn God’s approval.

### What Is the Solution?

1. Be on \_\_\_\_\_. (2:8, 2:20, 2:23)
  - Realize you are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Avoid seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of people over God.
2. Cling to Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. (2:17, 19; 1:9-10; 2:2-3)
  - Remember \_\_\_\_\_ in you and the \_\_\_\_\_ to you.
  - Use the Word of God as your source of \_\_\_\_\_. Be in the Word.
  - See Christ for who He is. Pursue a \_\_\_\_\_ with Him. Obey Him.
  - Be part of a \_\_\_\_\_ pursuing Christ as Lord.
3. Remember your \_\_\_\_\_ and new life is in Jesus. Go for the full life God intended for you in Christ. (Col. 2:18; John 10:10)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself. We are to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of the grace of God. (Gal. 4:9-11)

### Our Response

- ❶ \_\_\_\_\_ of pursuing works, religion, rituals, etc. in place of a relationship with Him.
- ❷ \_\_\_\_\_ for wisdom to know and see truth.
- ❸ Seek wisdom and knowledge from the Bible. \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- ❹ \_\_\_\_\_ in you and rejoice in your salvation.