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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

11-095-51 SHADOWS AND SUBSTANCE
(RSV)

2:25 Colossians 2:16-23 Reading. Teaching – the same issues of heresy are still around today, that divert people away from the centrality ,straightforwardness and merit of Jesus Christ. Man wants to keep adding onto Christ, as if his atonement was insufficient in bringing us into the acceptance of God. We continue to think that we have to earn our way, and therefore, we set up practices and rules that pretend to win the Lord's favor. Reference Colossians 2:8 .

10:25 Colossians 2:16 Paul wants the Colossians to understand that the essence of Christianity is not ceremonies, special days, rules and regulations. Teaching on religious legalism.

12:20 Colossians 2:17 These are only a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. Teaching on "Shadows and Substance". The danger of worshiping the shadows of religion and not the real thing.

19:30 Colossians 2:18 Teaching. Don't be led into "shadow" worship. Know your true position in Christ. Yes we are wicked - Reference Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:10 But God has provided the way to lift the guilt. Teaching on the externals of religion versus the substance of the faith.

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32:20 Colossians 2:19 Teaching. The necessity of belonging together with other Christians.

36:35 Colossians 2:20-21 If we have died and been reborn in Christ, why do we still hang on to the world's order of things? Reference Mark 7:14-23 Jesus teaches the difference between the externals and the internals. We need spiritual cleansing on the inside.

39:10 Colossians 2:23 Teaching Don't get preoccupied with the externals – the shadows – at the expense of the internals – the substance. The externals can appear to be wisdom, but they are of no value apart from the substance.

Col. 2:16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a sabbath. 17 These are only a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. 18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

Col. 2:20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations, 21 “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” 22 (referring to things which all perish as they are used), according to human precepts and doctrines? 23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting rigor of devotion and self-abasement and severity to the body, but they are of no value in checking the indulgence of the flesh.

Col. 2:8 See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

Is. 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Rom. 3:10 as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

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Mark 7:14 And he called the people to him again, and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him." 17 And when he had entered the house, and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a man from outside cannot defile him, 19 since it enters, not his heart but his stomach, and so passes on?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) 20 And he said, "What comes out of a man is what defiles a man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man."