

Keep your roots deep in him... **Colossians 2:7 (GNT)**

*I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with wellcrafted arguments. Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. **Colossians 2:4, 8 (NLT)***

*And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. **Colossians 2:6, 7 (NLT)***

HOW TO KEEP LEGALISM FROM STEALING YOUR JOY

1. REMEMBER WHERE YOU _____

- We are _____ in him

So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

Colossians 2:10 (NLT)

- We are _____ in him

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

Colossians 2:12 (NLT)

- We are _____ in him

...He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13, 14 (NLT)

- We are _____ in him

In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Colossians 2:15 (NLT)

2. AVOID SURFACE _____

So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality.

Colossians 2:16,17 (NLT)

3. REJECT FALSE _____

*Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud, and they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For he holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it. **Colossians 2:18, 19 (NLT)***

*You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, "Don't handle! Don't taste! Don't touch!"? Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires. **Colossians 2:20-23 (NLT)***