A Warning

Scriptures



Colossians 2:16-17

¹⁶Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day- ¹⁷things which are a *mere* shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

Part 2

• Philippians 3:2-11

²Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; ³for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, ⁴although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: ⁵circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. ⁷But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, ⁹and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

• 1 Corinthians 8:1

¹Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.

• 1 Peter 4:8

⁸Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

• Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Other Scriptures

- Romans 7:2-3
- Romans 3:28
- Romans 3:21-22
- John 8:39





Main Points

- Warning #3: Guard against being "puffed up" by knowledge
 - Our knowledge should be a source of blessing, not a source of condemnation against others.
 - We can't let our sentiment define our commitment to the word of God.
 - The Church is made up of both Jewish *and* Gentile believers.
 - A Christian is simply a follower of the Christ. "Christ" means anointed one.
- Regarding Sabbath, Friday evening through Saturday sunset is biblically correct. However, worthy is the Lamb every day of the week!
- Warning #4: Don't get off track theologically!
 - Too much emphasis on the law will lead to division and destruction.
 - o A truth that's taken to the extreme without balance becomes a practical heresy!
 - We have been justified by faith *apart* from the works of the law. (Romans 3:28)

Discussion Questions

- 1. How can one minister to somebody that is focused on the law?
- 2. Why is it important to know the Jewish roots of our faith and how do we keep balance in our knowledge base?
- 3. What did Jesus mean when He said that His burden is light and His yoke is easy?
- 4. How do we keep balance between keeping the law to know God and using His Grace as an excuse to behave as we please?