



COLOSSIANS 2:16-23

1:1-2 The Supremacy of Christ in Preparation	1:3 - 2:5 The Supremacy of Christ in Principle	2:6 - 4:6 The Supremacy of Christ in Practice	4:7-18 The Supremacy of Christ in Pattern
<p>1:1 <i>Sender:</i> An Apostle and Brother Appointed by Christ</p> <p>1:2a <i>Recipient:</i> A Holy and Faithful Family Forged in Christ</p> <p>1:2b <i>Salutation:</i> A Request for Grace and Peace from the Father of Christ</p>	<p>1:3-8 <i>What Matters:</i> The Gospel of Jesus Christ</p> <p>1:9-23 <i>Why It Matters:</i> The Supremacy of Jesus Christ</p> <p>1:24 - 2:5 <i>How We Know It Matters:</i> The Minister of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>2:6-15 (A) Put on the Doctrine of Christ</p> <p>2:16-23 (B) Put off the Doctrine of the World</p> <p>3:1-4 (C) Pursue Christ, not the World</p> <p>3:5-11 (B') Put off the Deeds of the World</p> <p>3:12 - 4:6 (A') Put on the Deeds of Christ</p>	<p>4:7-9 Ambassadors for Christ</p> <p>4:10-14 Sufferers for Christ</p> <p>4:15-17 Neighbors for Christ</p> <p>4:18 Paul for Christ</p>

Put off the Doctrine of the World

(2:16-23)

Three Reasons to Put off the Doctrine of the World...

1. Its Matters Are Artificial (2:16-17)

- Artificial because the matters are only physical (2:16a)
- Artificial because the matters are only temporal (2:16b)
- Christ is substantial in all these ways (2:17)



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2. Its Methods Are Unproductive (2:18-19)

- Unproductive because it makes you delight in all the wrong things (2:18a)
- Unproductive because it makes you focus on all the wrong things (2:18b)
- Unproductive because it makes you boast in all the wrong things (2:18c)
- Christ is effective in all these ways (2:19)

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3. Its Mandates Are Worthless (2:20-23)

- Worthless because of its lack of durability (2:22a)
- Worthless because of its lack of credibility (2:22b)
- Worthless because of its lack of capability (2:23)
- Christ is valuable in all these ways (2:20-21)



Take Home

Takeaway

Write down why each false doctrine in Colossians 2:16–23 is insufficient. Underneath each false doctrine, write how Christ meets the need in a way the false doctrine could not.

Next week's Passage

Colossians 3:1–4

Study Question

In Colossians 3:3, what does it mean to be hidden with Christ in God?