



So Weird!

the book of colossians

Review

- Written by Paul about 30 years after the death of Jesus
- An Epistle (letter) to the Church in Colossae – Church planted by Epaphras
- We are called for a purpose...to be weird!
- Pray and share



We are here

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8 **See to it that no one takes you captive** by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of the deity dwells bodily, 10 and **you have been filled in him**, who is the head of all authority.

Colossians 2:11-15

11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

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13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 **He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.**

Genesis 17:10-11

10 This is my covenant which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

Colossians 2:16-23

16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, **visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.**

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16 Therefore let no one pass judgement on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or Sabbath. 17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. 18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and the worship of angels, going on in details about visions, puffed up without

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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.

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“Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? 23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

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- Rules about what to eat or drink, festivals, new moons, Sabbath
- Worship of angels
- Asceticism: A form of worship that is self-imposed and often involves rigorous self-discipline or self-denial practices

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2 Corinthians 9:7

