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Col. 2:16-17

*Legalism Denounced*

**Intro**

**I. BEWARE OF LEGALISM (2:16-17).**

A. **Definition**of legalism -Legalism is an attempt to make oneself righteous by keeping man-made laws.

B. **Description**of legalism - (v. 16)

1) Food -

2) Drink -

Christian liberty

3) Religious days. "festival, new moon, or a Sabbath day" -

C. **Dangers**of legalism -

1) false view of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2) promotes law over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3) inflates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4) leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5) creates its own kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6) chokes out true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7) Legalism produces \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, critical Christians

D. **Defense**against legalism -

1) Prohibition against judging (v. 16).

2) Shadow vs. substance (v. 17).

3) The principles of Christian liberty.

a) No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where the Bible speaks clearly.

b) Must keep in mind the conscience of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brethren.

c) Never used our liberty as an opportunity for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ must be our guide on these matters.

e) Beware of making too many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion**