

Follow Jesus—Not Your Feelings
Life Overflowing! A Study in Colossians—Part 13
Colossians 2:18-19
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“This gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God’s grace in all its truth.”
--Colossians 1:6

“Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions. He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.”
--Colossians 2:18-19

In this passage of scripture we find both a warning and an encouragement:

I. Don’t let _____ rob you of God’s grace!

The Bible speaks of us having “inexpressible and glorious joy.”--1 Peter 1:8

King David got so revved up once, the Bible says “he danced before the Lord with all his might.”--2 Samuel 6:14

In Acts 3, a lame man is healed and he was so overjoyed he went into the temple “walking and jumping, and praising God.”--Acts 3:8

In our passage, Paul gives three warnings about replacing God’s grace with subjective feelings:

1. Be careful about _____!

In verse 18, the Bible speaks of people who “delight in false humility.”

“Do not get drunk with wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.” --Ephesians 5:18

2. Be careful about _____!

The Bible warns about “anyone who delights...in the worship of angels.”

Hebrews 13:2 says we should be kind to strangers,
“for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.”

“Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.” --2 Corinthians 11:14

3. Be careful about _____!

“Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions.”—Colossians 2:18

II. The Encouragement: Maintain a grace CONNECTION with Jesus

In verse 19 the Bible says a person can be misled when they have lost connection with the Head, who is Jesus.

FACTS: Believe _____

Here are four solid facts for you to consider:

(1) There is a God and He loves you _____.

(2) Jesus Christ came into the world to _____ sinners.

(3) It’s a fact when you have received God’s free gift of eternal life, your sins are _____ forgiven.

(4) When you trust Jesus you become a _____ of God.

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And this is what we are!”--1 John 3:1)

FAITH: _____ God’s Goodness

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” --Ephesians 2:8

FEELINGS: _____ on God’s Grace