

The Quick Should Not Play Dead 2:11-23)

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Introduction

Believers possess life and are equipped for fellowship with God, as a result of Jesus triumphing over all angelic powers at the cross (2:11-16)

Believers receive a without-hands circumcision from Christ (2:11)

Believers have been buried with Christ (through the without-hands baptism) (2:12)

Believers have been raised with Christ (out of spiritual death) (2:13)

Believers (who were spiritually dead and uncircumcised) are now alive, because we and were forgiven of (pre-belief) trespasses (2:14a)

The means by which we were forgiven is through the cross (2:14b)

[The result of Jesus giving life to believers and enabling fellowship with God is that] He triumphed over all angelic powers (2:15)

No judgment of foods or days (2:16)

Food and drink (2:16a)

Not under Mosaic Law or Greek Philosophy

Festivals, new moons, sabbaths (2:16b) Not under Mosaic Law or Grk Philosophy

What about claims the Sabbath was instituted for humanity in Genesis 2?

See John 7

Why no judgment of foods or days? They are a mere shadow; the substance is Christ (2:17)

Legalistic humility/angel worship cheats believers of reward, because it [logically] severs the body of Christ from its head [Christ] (2:18-19)

Believers have died with Christ to the world's basic principles, so we should not subject ourselves to man's legalistic rules over perishable things (2:20-22)

Legalism's self-imposed ascetic and neglect-of-the-body rules only seem wise, but are no hindrance to indulging the flesh (2:23)

Conclusion