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The Supremacy of Christ & the Necessity of Maturity

**Today's cultural landscape,
both secular and sacred,
looks surprisingly similar to first century Colossae.**

**There is a syncretistic dynamic in a new
“alternative orthodoxy” dividing the church,
which contains tentacles of a new age philosophy that
degrades the need and necessity for a personal redeemer.**

**These movements claim that the old orthodoxies are outdated
and even obsolete, but I suggest that they are simply leading
people to the misguided bondage of a worthless “*religion*.”**



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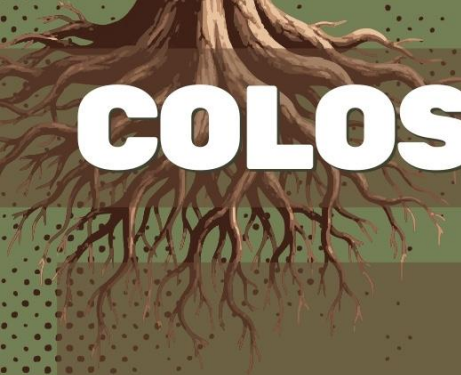
Syncretistic Dangers in the Church

The Gospel

(orthodox biblical truth)

was / is being
corrupted by a
variety of
elements,
including ...

Religious Traditionalism
Subjective Experientialism
Artificial Supernaturalism
Intellectual Elitism
Theological Heresies
Demonic Influences



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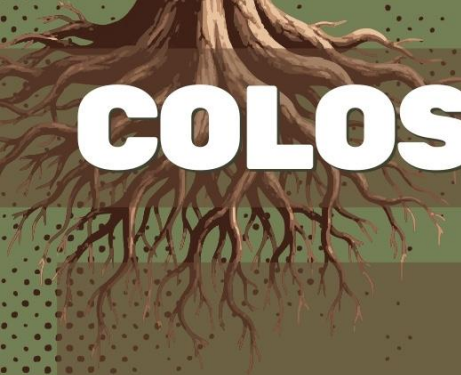
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in our marriages and
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but it goes no farther than in our prayers.

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being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
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that God may open to us a door for the word,
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Even though our efforts to announce this good news is exactly what landed me here in a Roman prison, I still want to speak boldly and clearly because I am convinced and convicted that it is the truth. The only hope for the world is the miraculous majesty of Jesus Christ.

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Since time is both precious and fleeting, we need to handle ourselves with the utmost of discernment in relation to those around us who do not know Christ personally.

What we say and how we say it ought to have a winsomeness to it rather than being harsh and judgmental.

We need to speak truth with grace without mushy sentimentality.

Be prepared to give answers to questions that people may have, or to admit you do not know the answer but will find one that is honest and thoughtful.

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Do your prayers go beyond the antics and immediacy of today and drill down into the spiritual dominion beyond our sight?

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Psalm 139

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of
them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

¹⁹ Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!

²⁰ They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up
against you?

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