PAUL'S ADMONITIONS IN COLOSSIANS 2

Refrain from these:

Persuasive argument (2:4).

Philosophy, empty deception, the tradition of men, and elementary principles of the world (2:8).

Allowing one to act as a judge in various practices of the Law (2:16).

Self-abasement, worship of angels and visions (2:18).

Decrees, "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" (2:20, 21).

Because:

All wisdom and knowledge is in Christ (2:3).

These are not according to Jesus who, because He is fully Deity, made the Colossians complete in Him (2:8–10).

These regulations had been taken away and were merely shadows (2:14, 17).

These come from a fleshly mind and not from the head, Christ (2:18).

The Colossians had died to these, for these are of no value in controlling the passions of the flesh (2:20–23).