

Colossians -15

- v. 16..Why "a Sabbath day" instead of "the Sabbath"? Do you see possible indication of how these questions may show the early conflict between the believing Jewish gathering of Christians and the converted Gentiles.
 - v. 17..Since the "reality" is found in Christ, can the institutions mentioned have any further value? Think this through rather carefully and determine for yourself what such value might be.
 - v. 18..What sort of persons would these be in our day? Think of some examples.
 - v. 20..What is the answer to the question part of this verse? (or better said..the question posed in this verse)
 - v. 23..What is the chief defect in the regulations cited in these latter verses? Do you see some parallel attempts at regulation in our society? Can you see some possibilities in the development of regulations that help the individual, avoid the defect, and achieve the spiritual end? Well, think about it anyway!
4. At this point one pauses to see where life begins and then pushes on to really live it. You will note that Paul has done again what is so indicative of apostolic method..he has laid a doctrinal foundation for the development of practical aspects of life. In a world that tends to minimize doctrine this is a very basic point for our building...if the foundation is laid well, there is a much better possibility that the structure will be sound and the building meaningful.