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**He disarmed Satan/demons, made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them...**

What does this illustrate? Heb.2:14-15

**The Romans would parade their captives thru the streets in chains. Shows total defeat!**

Why would Paul include this? What was happening at Colossae? 2:18; I Tim.2:5, 4:1-5

**They were engaging in the worship of angels (astrology?), instead of Christ. How foolish!**

What else was being taught at Colossae? 2:16 see Rom.14:5-6; Gal.4:10

**Some were condemning others re diet, festivals, New Moon celebration, and Sabbath.**

What is Paul's clarifying truth about these (old covenant) requirements? 2:17; Heb.10:1

**These are only shadows (types) of things to come. The reality is found (only) in Christ!**

What is the spiritual danger of dabbling in these 'shadows'? 2:18b

**Unhealthy emphasis on these things; unspiritual mind puffs him up, feeds self pride.**

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**He has lost connection with the Head (Christ), Who makes the whole body (Church) grow**

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**Since we died with Christ to the fundamentals of this world, why still submit to them?**

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**Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch! All based on commandments of men.**

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**They sounded good, had an appearance of wisdom. Looks like good self-discipline. But...**

But in reality, what is wrapped up in the 'harsh treatment of the body' (asceticism)? 2:23b

**False humility! And these actions have no value in restraining sensual indulgence!**

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