



UNSHAKEABLE

A Study Through
Colossians

Marlboro

**Stopping smoking reduces the risk
of fatal heart and lung diseases**

**Smoking
can cause
a slow and
painful death**

**Smoking
kills**

**Wer das Rauchen
aufgibt, verringert
das Risiko tödlicher
Herz- und Lungen-
erkrankungen**

**Smoke
contains
benzene,
nitrosamines,**



Warning:
Hazardous to
your **spiritual**
health!



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1) Warning Against Empty Legalism

v.16-17



Colossians 2:16

*Therefore do not let anyone
judge you by what you eat
or drink, or with regard to a
religious festival, a New
Moon celebration or a
Sabbath day.*



Legalism:

Trying to **quantify spirituality** through religious practices or a list of extra-biblical do's and don'ts and **imposing** your rules upon others.



Colossians 2:17

*These are a **shadow** of the things that were to come; the **reality**, however, is found in Christ.*



2) Warning Against Empty **Mysticism**

v. 18-19

Colossians 2:18-19

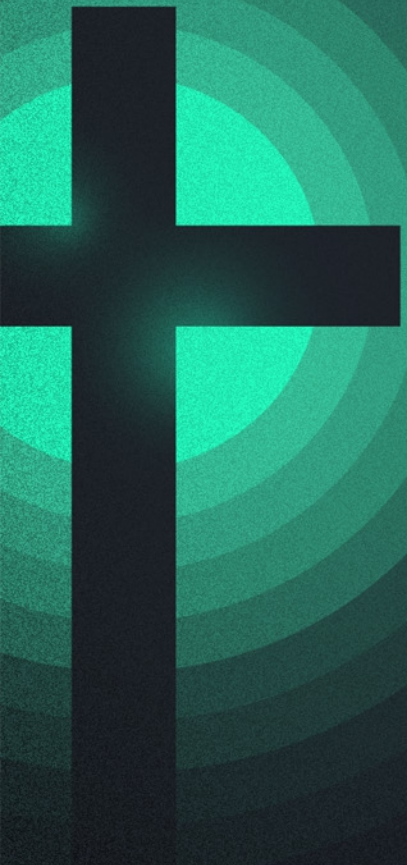
*Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels **disqualify you**. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind.*



Colossians 2:18-19

*They have **lost connection** with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.*





Gnostic Mysticism:
Trying to **quantify**
spirituality based on
experiential encounters
with God or spirit beings.



1 Timothy 2:5

*For there is one God,
and **one mediator**
also between God and
men, the man Christ
Jesus.*

Hebrews 4:16

*So let us come **boldly** to
the throne of our
gracious God. There we
will receive his mercy,
and we will find grace to
help us when we need it
most.*

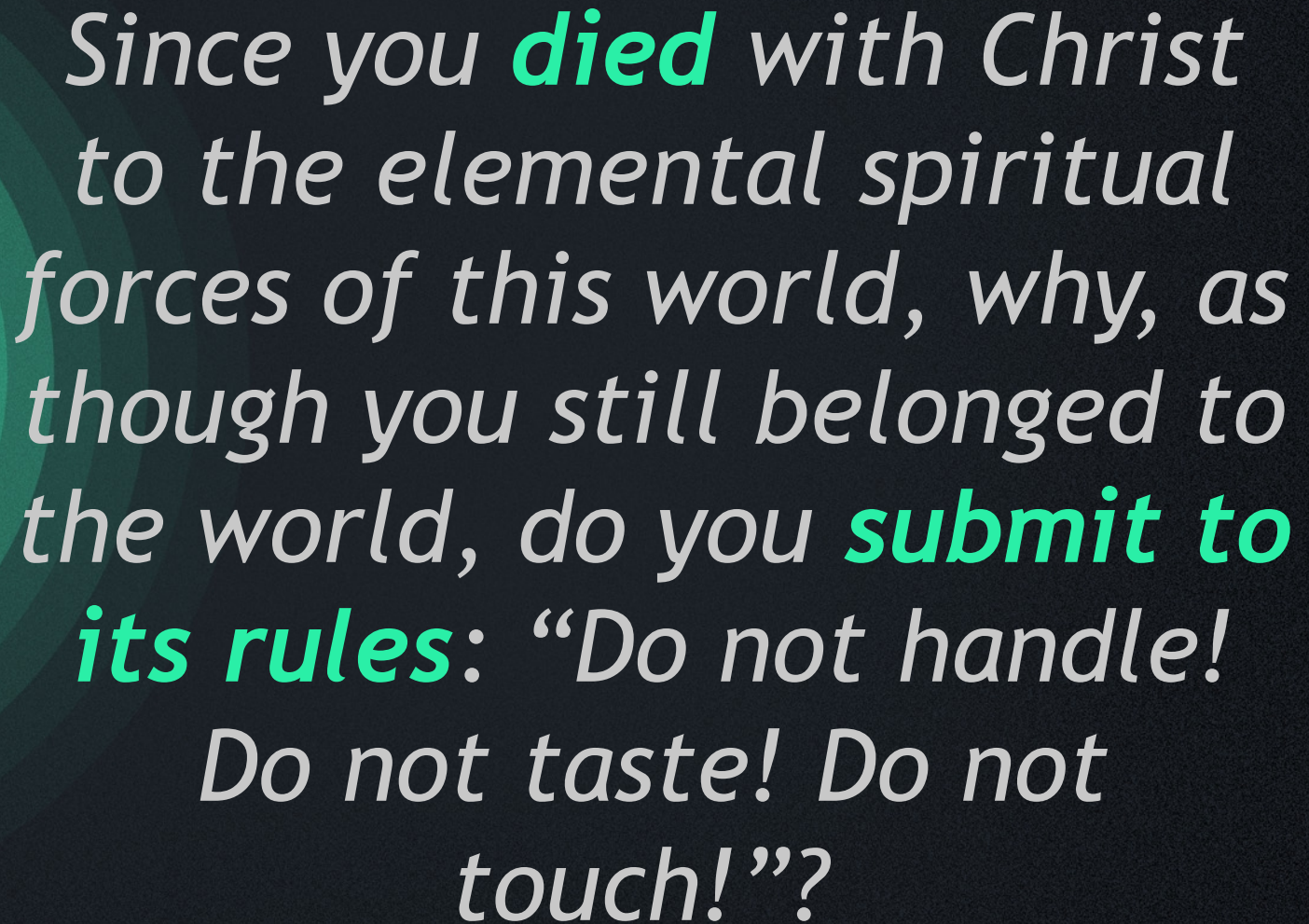




3) Warning against Empty **Asceticism**

v.20-23

Colossians 2:20-23



*Since you **died** with Christ
to the elemental spiritual
forces of this world, why, as
though you still belonged to
the world, do you **submit to
its rules**: “Do not handle!
Do not taste! Do not
touch!”?*



Colossians 2:20-23

*These rules, which have to do with things that are all **destined to perish** with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings.*


Colossians 2:20-23

*Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they **lack any value** in restraining sensual indulgence.*

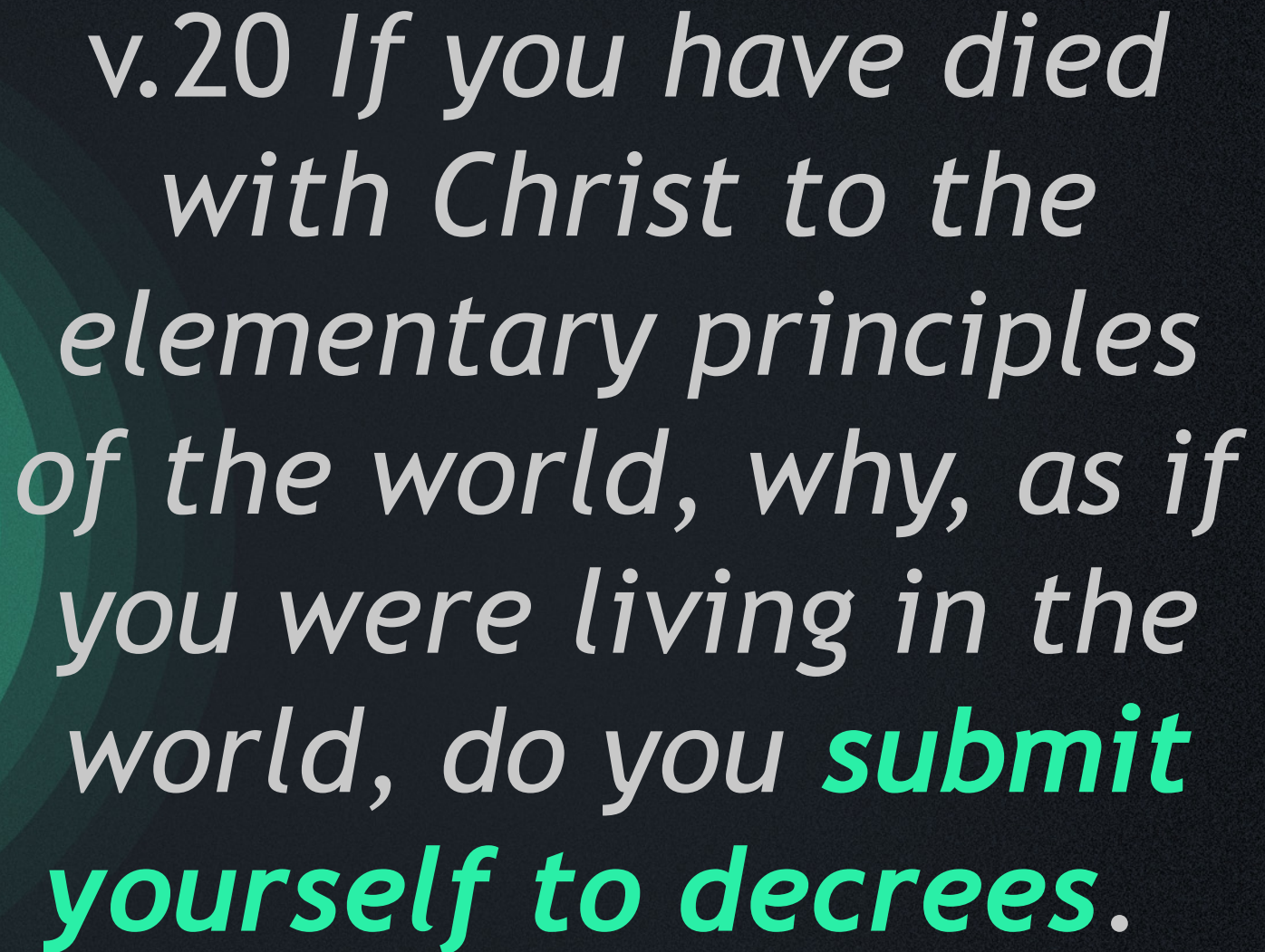


Asceticism:

Trying to **quantify**
spirituality based on
extreme **self-denial**



v.23 *but they lack any
value in **restraining**
sensual indulgence.*



v.20 *If you have died
with Christ to the
elementary principles
of the world, why, as if
you were living in the
world, do you **submit
yourself to decrees.***

Galatians 5:1

*For freedom Christ has
set us free; stand firm
therefore, and do not
submit again to a yoke
of **bondage**.*

