

**Colossians**  
**21 – Holiness According to Christ Part 1**  
**Colossians 2:20-23**  
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Third Error: Superior Holiness Not According to Christ

That there is a superior purity and separateness from the corruption of the world that we can attain to if, in addition to Christ, we abstain from certain use of things such as certain foods, practicing a level of discipline that will enable us to live more holy and separate lives to God.

I. Introductory Remarks

- A. The distinction to be understood between the first and third errors.
  
- B. The only way the world knows to keep from the corruption of the world is to make regulations regarding the basic principles of the world.

II. The Error of a Pursuit of Holiness Not According to Christ

- A. Pursuing Holiness According to the World (verses 20-22)

- B. The Ineffectiveness of a Pursuit of Holiness According to the World (verse 23)

III. Practical Observations

- A. Fundamentalist checklists and promotion of bandwagons are not the path to greater holiness.
  
- B. See here one of the common reasons that we are not successful in our warfare against sin – we attempt to conquer sin through regulation and prohibition rather than through faith in the grace and truth and power of Christ.