



# The Rabbit Named "Experience"

Colossians 2:18-19

- ▶ Jesus is #1 – 1:17-19; 2:3
- ▶ Advice – Receive Jesus & walk in Him – 2:6-7
- ▶ Why? He is everything & you will find all fulfillment in Him – 2:9-10a

Notice:

- ▶ "Beware, lest any man...let no man...let no man...." v. 8, 16, 18
- ▶ Each involves a warning and a potent truth.

B.L.U.F. (bottom line up front) – It's relationship, not mystical experiences!  
2:6-7, 9-10, 18-19

How can I be close to God...truly spiritual? Consider two dangers of following this rabbit:

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## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ **By False Teachers v. 18-19a**

"beguile of reward" — to declare unworthy of the prize, to deprive of the prize.

- 1) Teacher of His Own Thoughts
- 2) Teacher of Things Not Seen
- 3) Teacher Overcome with Pride
- 4) Teacher Divorced from the Head

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## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Of Genuine Growth v. 18a, 19b**

To remove oneself from Christ is devastating — He is the source of our growth, our nourishment, our stability! Flow of verse 19 – "...the Head, from which all the body...increaseth with the increase of God."

- 1) Growth Comes from God
- 2) Growth is Attained through "Joints & Bands"
- 3) Growth is Composed of Two Practical Attainments
  - ⇒ Nourishment
  - ⇒ Unity