

Assignment-1-Joshua-Anderson-comments-Mike-Baran

Hi Joshua,

You more than adequately fulfilled the assignment and reviewed the various translations of Colossians 2:16-17.

This scripture has been, and continues to be, used by many to criticise any suggestion that elements such as Sabbath and Holy Day observances and observance of clean foods, etc, have any current application for Christians since they are said to have passed and that the “substance” now “belongs to Christ” – whatever that may mean.

What the assignment did not require you to do is look at the Greek text and compare it with the various English translations to see how accurately the Greek is translated.

To do that, you would probably have been horrified to discover that all of the translations that you looked at have been corrupted by all of the translators to say something that the Greek text does not say.

There is nothing in the Greek text about “but the substance belongs to Christ” or that “the reality, however, is found in Christ” etc.

The Greek text can be more accurately translated to say:

“Therefore, let no one judge you in food and in drink or in respect of a feast or a new moon or Sabbaths (which are a shadow of the ones coming), but the body of the Christ.”

In other words, it is only the Church (the body of Christ) that is competent to judge such things and not individual people.

Of course, such a translation does not fit the meta-narrative of what Christianity almost universally teaches, namely, that the Torah and its Old Covenant requirements have all passed for Christians.

I’m glad you chose this scripture to review.

Wishing you all the very best in your walk with God.

Mike Baran