**THE DANGER OF BEING DISCONNECTED**

Colossians 2:18-19

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**INTRODUCTION**

Colossians is one of Paul’s four prison letters, written from Rome around A.D. 60-65. Paul wrote to encourage the Christians; to explain the nature, position, and symbolic role of Jesus; to describe his 3-fold ministry to God’s people; to point out that the fullness of God was fully in Christ and now is fully in us. Today, we will examine Paul’s warning about the danger of being disconnected—not from the internet, but from something far more important.

1. **THOSE WHO ARE DISCONNECTED**
2. They have a type of **humility** that is false.
3. They have a type of **knowledge** that is false—with rules based on human commands and teachings.
4. They have minds that are **unspiritual** (puffed up with pride).
5. They have lost connection with the **Head**, Jesus Christ.

*When we are disconnected from the Head, the source of all true wisdom, the result will be to turn to a life of rules based upon human thought and demanding full obedience. Such a life of rules appeals to the uninformed! However, it enslaves us to that which cannot save or help us. We must never allow ourselves to be swayed and led astray from Christ. Stay connected!*

1. **THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE CONNECTED**
2. Stay connected **only** to the Head and to nothing else.
3. Remain a **part** of the whole body.
4. Be supported and held together by other **body** **parts**—or we collapse.
5. Grow as God causes you to grow—within the **body**, the **church**.

*To remain connected to the Head, we must not allow other things or persons or ways of life to draw our focus away from Jesus Christ. He is our only hope! We can only remain truly connected with Christ if we remain within the body, the church. We cannot grow and develop if we are detached from the body, for we will wither and die without it. Stay connected!*

**CONCLUSION**

Paul reminds us of the danger of being disconnected—of trying to live on our own. He reminds us of the importance of staying focused upon Christ if we are to truly have life. He reminds us of the important role the church plays in our spiritual growth. He warns us that there will be false teachers who will try to lead us away from the Head and to a false wisdom—a wisdom of the world, not of God. Thus, what Paul would say to us is a simple message: Stay connected! Stay connected to the Head! Stay connected to Jesus Christ! Let nothing come between the Savior and you!

*“Nothing between my soul and the Savior, Naught of this world’s delusive dream.*

*I have renounced all sinful pleasure; Jesus is mine. There’s nothing between.*

*Nothing between my soul and the Savior, so that His blessed face may be seen.*

*Nothing preventing the least of His favor, Keep the way clear! Let nothing between.”*