THEN AND NOW
Colossians 2:16-23

Don't Bow to Legalism (vv.16-18)
A Legalist is someone who has a _____
But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat. 9 But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 1 Corinthians 8:8-9

Drink: posis - a drinking (the act), i.e. a draught (Strong's)

…there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee… 2 and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.
When the headwaiter tasted the water which had (oinos) become wine, John 2:1-3&9

And do not get drunk with wine (oinos), for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, Ephesians 5:18

Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink of the wine (oinos) of the wrath of God… Revelation 14:9-10

Don't let Legalists bind you by _____ (v.16)

Don't get robbed of your prize by _____ referees (v.18)
Let no man rob you of your prize Colossians 2:18 (ASV)
katabrabeuoo: to decide as umpire against one, to declare him unworthy of the prize; to defraud of the prize of victory (TBD)

How They Rob You of Your Prize:

False humility is thinking that holding to _____ make someone spiritual
Self abasement (NASU) voluntary humility (KJV) false humility (NIV) tapeinophrosune: the having a humble opinion of oneself; a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness; modesty, humility, lowliness of mind; (Thayer's)

Trying to reach God through anyone or anything
_____
…the worship (threeskeia) *of angels (v.18)*
(threeskeia) ceremonial observance (Strong's)

And they came into the house and saw the young Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshipped (proskuneo) Him; and opening their treasures they offered unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 1 Timothy 2:5

Taking his stand on visions he has seen (and not what God has revealed)
…intruding into those things which he hath not seen, Colossians 2:18 (KJV)

The Solution to Their Error: _____ to Jesus (v.19)
krateo: to use strength, i.e. seize or retain (KJV) - hold (by, fast) keep, lay hand (hold) on, obtain, retain, take (by) (Strong's)

Our Position at Calvary

Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn not to exceed what is written, in order that no one of you might become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. 1 Corinthians 4:6

But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 1 Corinthians 8:8-9

Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. 1 Peter 2:16