

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**  
**Col. 2:18**

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- **Recap:** Last week, we looked at the nature of convictions in the church. We made clear that a believer cannot sit in judgment over you for not holding to certain conviction issues.
- **“Let no one defraud/disqualify you,”**
  - The Greek wording here is a compound word that means to “let someone take your prize/reward away,” or to “cheat” you out of something.
  - There are those that propose these beliefs that seek to undermine your assurance in Christ, by leading you to believe instead in these other issues! Be on guard for that reason!
- **“insisting on asceticism”**
  - The word here is a combination Greek word, “ταπεινο-φροσυνη” and it is derived from “tapeinos,” which means humility, abasement, lowliness, and also “phrosun,” which means “mind, intelligence, or heart.” So it’s a lowliness of heart or mind.
  - For example, there are those that will teach humility, but teach it with obvious falsehood and make it nothing more than pride at the end. **Luke 18:9-14.**
  - Avoid abasement of yourself that is false humility, and also total despair, because we know God loves His children and will perfect them ultimately into His bride.
- **“and religion of angels,”**
  - There was a pretty large sect of early Christians that did still worship the angels themselves, the messengers of God, instead of God Himself. Paul condemns this also in **1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 2:5-6.**
  - Paul states in no vague or negotiable terms, only one mediator exists, and that is the direct Son of God, Christ Jesus! No one else is going to stand between you and God!
- **“going on in detail about visions,”**
  - The Greek wording would literally read like this, “the worship of angels, or such things he forced/intruded into seeing.” It’s the idea of someone who tries to force to “see” something he should not, or has no business trying to see or understand.
- **“puffed up without reason by his fleshly mind.”**
  - Such people don’t have any godliness, nor do they have any reason or sense. They are puffed up and full of themselves, and not even in some spiritual knowledge, but in their own fleshly minds.
- Application:
  1. **Avoid abasement of yourself that is false humility, and also total despair, because we know God loves His children and will perfect them ultimately into His bride.**
  2. **So then, we rely only on Christ to mediate between us and God, not angels or any other “saints” or mediators between us and God Himself.**
  3. **Do not seek after visions, extra-biblical information, or revelation! It will only create division and strife, not the building up of the church in true sense.**