“Holding Fast the Head”
Colossians 2:18-19

Introduction:
A. Two major threats to purity of New Testament Christianity.
   1. Judizers who said Christians must be circumcised. (v. 11-17)
   2. Greek Philosophy which searched for meaning of life and duty of life through knowledge and thought rather than divine revelation. (v. 8-10, 18-23).
B. Paul gives good reasons for holding fast to the head - Jesus without mixing Christianity unmixed with either system:

Discussion:
I. They Did Not Need The Wisdom Of The Philosophers.
   A. In Christ they had all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (2:1-3).
      1. In Him the mystery is revealed. (1:24-2:5)
      2. In Him we have sufficient knowledge. (1:9-12)
      3. In Him we have knowledge of nature of Godhead. (1:15, 2:9).
   B. In Christ they were complete. (2:8-10).
      1. In Him we have light. (1:12-13)
      2. In Him we have redemption. (1:14).
      3. In Him we have real meaning of life and existence. (1:16-23).
   C. In Christ we had every thing of spiritual value. (2:18-23)

II. They Did Not Need The Ordinances Of The Jews.
   A. In Christ they had a better circumcision. (2:11-12).
   B. In Christ they had the “real thing” rather than shadow. (2:13-17).

Conclusion:
   A. As they had received Christ they were to walk in Him. (2:6,7) rather than adding either Greek Philosophy or Jewish ordiances.
   B. As members of His body they were to hold fast to the head. (2:19)