

THE HUMILITY OF BEING CONNECTED

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- I. Arrogance distracts a church from growing together toward spiritual maturity (2:16-18).
 - A. Jewish false teaching – Legalists were judging those who did not keep expired Old Testament rules/laws (16-17).
 1. They required food rules, festivals and Sabbath keeping that no longer applied since Christ came (16).
 2. The Law pointed us to our need for Christ (17; Galatians 5:1, 16, 22-23; 6:2).
 - B. Pagan false teaching – Mystics worshipped angels and arrogantly claimed to have new truth about angels (18).
- II. Spiritual growth occurs as we humbly connect to Christ and to each other in the church (2:19).
 - A. Arrogance reveals that a person is not focused on Jesus Christ (19a).
 - B. Christ designed us with unique spiritual roles that make us humbly dependent on one another for growth (19b).