

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

NT Survey Lesson 127--Colossians 2

Introduction: The incomparable Christ of chapter one becomes the completing Christ of chapter two. Appealing to Christ's essential nature and what He has done for us, Paul warns the Colossians about any doctrine or philosophy that would undermine the sufficiency of Jesus and His gospel.

Lesson aim: To encourage each Christian to place his faith totally in the provisions Christ has made for us and avoid those things that turn us away from them.

Paul expresses his hopes and concerns for believers--Col. 2:1-5

1. What did Paul want the Colossians to know? (v. 1)
2. For what did Paul pray? (v. 2) What did Paul say was hidden in Christ? (v. 3)
3. In what did Paul rejoice? (v. 5)

Paul urges the Colossians to walk in Christ and turn away from false doctrine--Col. 2:6-23

1. Since the Colossians had received Christ, what did they now need to do? (v. 6) Had the Colossians been taught the ways of Christ? (v. 7) How had they responded?
2. What warning did Paul issue in verse 8?
3. What fact about Christ's nature would help the Colossians do this? (v. 9) In Christ the Colossians had been made what? (v. 10) Christ is head over what?
4. In what way were the Colossians circumcised in Christ? (v. 11) In what act did this circumcision take place? (v. 12)

5. In baptism the Colossians were _____ and _____ with Christ (v. 12). This was by _____ in the working of God.
6. What else did God do to the Colossians? (v. 13) Of what were the Colossians forgiven?
7. What did God blot out or cancel? (v. 14) To what does this refer? What did God (Christ) do with it?
8. What did God (Christ) do to the rulers and authorities? (v. 15)
9. What then did Paul say Christians should not do? (v. 16) The physical ordinances of the OT Law were what? (v. 17) The "body" or "shadow" belongs to whom?
10. What others practices would defraud or rob the Colossians of their prize? (v. 18). Instead what should Christians do? (v. 19)
11. To what had the Colossians died? (v. 20) To what does it appear they were now submitting? (v. 20-21) These things were in accord with the commandments of whom? (v. 22)
12. Did these matters have the appearance of wisdom about them? (v. 23) Were they of any value against fleshly lust?