



“Don’t Be Taken Captive”

Colossians 2:6-10

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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Have you ever adhered to a philosophy or pattern of thought that you’ve now perceived to be false? Or, have you ever had anyone try to lure you into a form of false doctrine?

QUICK REVIEW

Having expressed his gratitude for the Colossian church, and having presented a clear picture of the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ (chapter 1), Paul explicitly warns the Colossians against a heresy spreading in their city (chapter 2). They must take heed lest they be taken captive (2:8). Yet in Christ, they have more than they will ever need to remain free from the bondage of false philosophy, worldview, and religion.

To strengthen you against captivating falsehood,

1. You are called to _____ in Christ (2:6-7)
2. You are given _____ in Christ (2:9-10)

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Christians are to be on the alert for philosophies that deceive and take people captive, luring them away from the grace and Lordship of Jesus. What are some of the examples that come to mind in the context of southern California? Which of these might be most appealing to you? (Post-modernism, moral relativism, materialism, new-ageism, etc.)
2. Colossians 2:6-7 is a picturesque expression of walking with Christ in discipleship. We are to be rooted in Christ. Meditate on Psalm 1. How do the concerns early in that Psalm express the danger of empty, deceitful worldviews and philosophies? How does that Psalm portray the remedy? How can this remedy be lived out?
3. Giving thanks is a characteristic of a healthy walk with Christ. How does gratitude safeguard us against the pull of false spirituality? How can you reduce grumbling and grow in gratitude?

Philippians 4:4-9

Colossians 1:9-14

4. The fullness of deity dwells in Christ, and Christ dwells within His people. Reflect on II Peter 1:1-8. How can we grow in the fullness Christ provides? How do you see these qualities in the lives of people in your group? How about in your life? In which areas would you ask for help to grow?