

Paul's concern for the Colossians *Colossians 2:1, 4,8,18, 20-21*

How do we distinguish error? *Colossians 1:4-12*

Paul's Ministry *Colossians 1:28*

Errors in the Colossian Church exposed by Truth of Christ

Philosophy of the world *Colossians 2:8,Proverbs 14:12, Romans 1:18-22*

Centrality of Christ *Colossians 2:8-15, Hebrews 2:14-15*

Legalism *Colossians 2:16-17*

Self-abasement *Colossians 2:18*

Mysticism *Colossians 2:18*

Complete in Christ *Colossians 2:19-23*

What are we to do? *Colossians 2:2-3, 5-8, 18, 21*

Be intentional

Paul's concern for the Colossians *Colossians 2:1, 4,8,18, 20-21*

How do we distinguish error? *Colossians 1:4-12*

Paul's Ministry *Colossians 1:28*

Errors in the Colossian Church exposed by Truth of Christ

Philosophy of the world *Colossians 2:8,Proverbs 14:12, Romans 1:18-22*

Centrality of Christ *Colossians 2:8-15, Hebrews 2:14-15*

Legalism *Colossians 2:16-17*

Self-abasement *Colossians 2:18*

Mysticism *Colossians 2:18*

Complete in Christ *Colossians 2:19-23*

What are we to do? *Colossians 2:2-3, 5-8, 18, 21*

Be intentional

Paul's concern . . .

For I want you to know how
great a struggle I have on
your behalf and for those
who are at Laodicea, and for
all those who have not
personally seen my face

Colossians 2:1

Warning concerning error

**I say this so that
no one will delude you
with persuasive argument**

Colossians 2:4

Warning concerning error

**See to it that
no one takes you captive
through philosophy and
empty deception
*Colossians 2:8***

Warning concerning error

**Let no one keep defrauding
you of your prize by delighting
in self-abasement and the
worship of the angels,
taking his stand on visions
he has seen**

Colossians 2:18

Warning concerning error

**Don't submit yourself to decrees,
such as, "Do not handle,
do not taste, do not touch!"
in accordance with
the commandments and
teachings of men**

Colossians 2:20-21

**How do we distinguish
truth from error?**

Characteristics of believers

- 1) Your faith in Christ Jesus**
- 2) Your love for all the saints because of your hope in the Gospel**
- 3) Gospel is bearing fruit, increasing**
- 4) Understand the grace of God in truth**
- 5) Attaining steadfastness**
- 6) Attaining patience**
- 7) Joyously giving thanks**

Christ

The standard of Truth

Paul's ministry . . .

We proclaim Christ,
admonishing every man
and teaching every man
with all wisdom, so that we
may present every man

complete in Christ

Colossians 1:28

The Error

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, **according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world**

Colossians 2:8

What is philosophy?

phileo = love *sophia* = wisdom

The love of wisdom

Wisdom of God or Wisdom of man?

**There is a way which seems
right to a man,
but its end is the way of death.**

Proverbs 14:12

The Truth

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, **rather than according to Christ**

Colossians 2:8

**For in Him
all the fullness of Deity
dwells in bodily form, and in Him
you have been made complete,
and He is the head over
all rule and authority**

Colossians 2:9-10

**and in Him you were also
circumcised with a circumcision
made without hands,
in the removal of the body of the
flesh by the circumcision of Christ;
*Colossians 2:11***

having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Colossians 2:12

**When you were dead in your
transgressions and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, He
made you alive together with Him,
having forgiven us
all our transgressions**

Colossians 2:13

**having canceled out
the certificate of debt
consisting of decrees against us,
which was hostile to us;
and He has taken it out of the way,
having nailed it to the cross.**

Colossians 2:14

**When He had disarmed
the rulers and authorities,
He made a public display of them,
having triumphed over them
through Him.**

Colossians 2:15

**that through death Christ might
render powerless him who had the
power of death, that is, the devil,
and might free those who
through fear of death were
subject to slavery all their lives.**

Hebrews 2:14-15

The Truth

We have been made complete

We are set apart to Christ

Buried and risen with Christ

Made us alive together with Him

Forgave us of all our transgressions

Canceled our debt on the cross

Disarmed spiritual authority

The Truth

**Christ accomplished
everything for us Himself
without any of our help**

The Error

Therefore no one is to **act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day . . .**

Colossians 2:16

The Error

Let no one keep defrauding
you of your prize by
**delighting in self-abasement and
the worship of the angels,
taking his stand on visions he
has seen,** inflated without cause
by his fleshly mind

Colossians 2:18

The Truth

Our spiritual life is found only in . . .

**“holding fast to the head (Christ),
from whom the entire body,
being supplied and held together
by the joints and ligaments, grows
with a growth which is from God.**

Colossians 2:19

The Truth

If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees . . . in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?

Colossians 2:20-22

The Truth

These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

Colossians 2:23

The Error

Any wisdom and belief based on . . .

The tradition of men

Elementary principles of the world

Pride inflated by a fleshly mind

Not holding fast to Christ

Commandments, teachings of men

Practices of no value against

fleshly indulgence

The Truth

**We are
Complete in Christ**

What are we to do?

Pursue Christ - with Him come all the treasures of wisdom and understanding and full assurance
Colossians 2:2-3

Pursue what encourages your hearts and knits you together in love *Colossians 2:2*

What are we to do?

Maintain good discipline and stability of your faith in Christ
Colossians 2:5

Walk thru life with the repentant, responsive, humble faith of a new believer *Colossians 2:6-7*

What are we to do?

**Submit to Christ's authority, not
man's demands** *Colossians 2:8,18,21*

**Refuse the attempts of man to
put you under obligation**
Colossians 2:8

Be intentional

**in your pursuit of Christ,
growing in your knowledge and
understanding of life in Him**