

Colossians

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Verses 1-5

1. In what ways was Paul contenting for the Colossians and those in Laodicea? How can we content for other believers today?
2. Describe Paul's goal in writing this letter.
3. Name some of the best speakers you have ever heard.
Describe what made them good speakers.
How can the average Christian keep from being deceived by "fine-sounding arguments"?

Verses 6-15

4. What are ways to be rooted and built up in Christ?
5. List three freedoms that you value very highly.
How would you feel if these freedoms were taken away?
5. What are the "elemental spiritual forces of this world" (vs. 8)?
6. In what sense can the empty philosophies of the world "take Christians captive?"
7. What does it mean to have a "sacramental focus?" How does Paul have a "sacramental focus?"
8. What are some specific ways the Gospel is communicated or explained in this section?
9. Paul provides a definition of "justification" in this section. Where is it?

Verses 16-23

10. Paul was writing to combat what is sometimes called "the Colossian heresy." What do we learn about this heresy from these verses?
11. What are some of the "substitutes for Christ" that Paul warns about in this section?
12. In what ways can some of these substitutes or human rules be a problem in the church today? In what ways can they have the appearance of wisdom?