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Colossians 2:8-15

Christ Alone

1. Christ is the truth 2:8
2. Christ is fully God and fully man 2:9
3. Christ is supreme 2:10
4. Christ is salvation 2:11-14
5. Christ is victorious 2:15

Concluding statements

1. Those who teach false doctrine are seeking to make spiritual captives of their followers. God's truth leads to freedom while error results in slavery.
2. The false teachers deceived their followers with empty or vain philosophy which depends upon human tradition and man-made regulations.
3. The choice for people is accepting Jesus Christ as presented in the Bible and being forgiven of all sin or

- accepting human philosophy which is built on human tradition and man-made ideas and being lost forever.
4. Jesus Christ is fully human and fully divine. He is the fullness of deity in bodily form. This statement confirms both the deity (He is God) and the humanity of Jesus Christ.
 5. Jesus Christ alone is sufficient for the believer for He is the Head over all authorities. He is sovereign over the universe both visible and invisible.
 6. The believer is identified with Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.
 7. Those who come to Jesus Christ in faith are made spiritually alive and forgiven of all sin.
 8. Jesus Christ triumphed over all of His enemies at the cross.

Questions for discussion

1. What are some of the human traditions and man-made regulations that people think will earn them an entrance into heaven (start with water baptism, but there are many more). Mark 7:6-9
2. What does it mean when it says, **for in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form** (Colossians 2:9; see also John 1:1; 14)?
3. What are some of the differences in your life since you came to faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and forgiveness of sin?
4. How might you use the story of Christmas in your sharing of the message of salvation?