

**Epistle to the Colossians**  
**Wednesday Evening Bible Class - Colossians Chapter 2**  
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**Study Guide - Section 2**

**SECTION TWO** - Paul's Warning to the Colossians (**vv. 8-23**)

1. In this second section of **chapter 2**, Paul gave a \_\_\_\_\_ warning to the Colossians (**vv. 8-23**).

2. In **verse 8**, Paul warned the Colossians to “\_\_\_\_\_” (**take heed**) of false teachers who wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ them of their \_\_\_\_\_:

- The false teachers were going to attempt to cheat (**rob**) them through their \_\_\_\_\_ (**world wisdom**) that was empty \_\_\_\_\_ based on the \_\_\_\_\_ (**teaching**) of men and the \_\_\_\_\_ (**rudiments**) of the world.
- Let us not forget Paul's words in **2 Corinthians 4:4** about the devil, the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_, is attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of people.
- Paul challenged these Christians as he did with the Christians in Thessalonica to \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ (**truth**) taught them (**Col. 2:7; 2 Thess. 2:15**).

3. In **verses 9-10**, Paul gave the reason there was no need for man's \_\_\_\_\_ based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of men because the Colossian Christians were \_\_\_\_\_ based on the teaching of Jesus Christ (**Col. 2:8; cf. 2 Pet. 1:3**).

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of men or \_\_\_\_\_ of the world were not needed because in Christ dwells “**the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ bodily**” (**v. 9**); that is, Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and while in the flesh - He was fully \_\_\_\_\_. [**He was God with \_\_\_\_\_ - Matt. 28:18**].

5. What Paul had given to the Colossians and to us came from \_\_\_\_\_ [Jesus], and what had been \_\_\_\_\_ to Paul was able to make the Colossian Christians and us \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

6. In **Colossians 2:9**, Paul cites the word “\_\_\_\_\_”; this word is used several times in the New Testament (**cf. Acts 17:29** and **Rom. 1:20**).

7. The word implies that there are \_\_\_\_\_ beings that make-up the Godhead - the \_\_\_\_\_ (**Jo. 5:18**), the \_\_\_\_\_ (**1 Jo. 5:20**), and the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit (**Acts 5:3-4**).

8. In **verse 10**, Paul affirmed the following about Christ; He was the \_\_\_\_\_ of principality and power, that is, He was over \_\_\_\_\_ beings who \_\_\_\_\_ Him, and all \_\_\_\_\_ (**cf. Heb. 1:1-4**).

9. Paul exhorted the Colossians to \_\_\_\_\_ man-made \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of men. Why? They...

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ people of eternal life (**Col. 2:8**).
- 2) are empty \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ words (**Col. 2:8**).
- 3) make people spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ (**Col. 1:28; 2:10**).
- 4) promise to \_\_\_\_\_ people from sin but only \_\_\_\_\_ people in sin (**2 Pet. 2:19**).
- 5) cause people to worship God in \_\_\_\_\_ (**Matt. 15:9**).
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Bible (**Rev. 22:18-19**).
- 7) keep people from having a \_\_\_\_\_ with God the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ (**2 Jo. 9**).
- 8) create religious \_\_\_\_\_ (**Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Cor. 1:10**).
- 9) turn people from the \_\_\_\_\_ (**Tit. 1:14**).

10. In **verses 11-17**, Paul addressed teachings that do not represent the \_\_\_\_\_ associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ but are based on man’s \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of men.

- 1) **Circumcision** - Paul informed the Colossians that the \_\_\_\_\_ they had received was a \_\_\_\_\_ type than the Jews received; their circumcision was not \_\_\_\_\_ or performed by man’s \_\_\_\_\_.

2) In **Romans 2:28-29**, Paul explained the circumcision not made by hands by saying, "For he is not a Jew who is one \_\_\_\_\_, nor is \_\_\_\_\_ that which is \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one \_\_\_\_\_, and circumcision is that of the \_\_\_\_\_..."

3) The idea of circumcising the heart is to \_\_\_\_\_ away or to \_\_\_\_\_ the practice of \_\_\_\_\_; when a person undergoes the "circumcision of the \_\_\_\_\_" (v. 11), the person experiences a \_\_\_\_\_ of thinking or mind which is \_\_\_\_\_.

11. **Verses 11-12** explained the association between \_\_\_\_\_ (circumcising the heart or change of mind) and \_\_\_\_\_.

1) Repentance and baptism are two \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ that Peter preached all people must do to achieve \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:38**).

2) Paul in **verse 12** explained that baptism is not a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_; it's a burial because prior to baptism a person must \_\_\_\_\_ to the practice of \_\_\_\_\_ (**Rom. 6:3-4**); then dead things are buried.

3) When a person is \_\_\_\_\_ from a watery grave of baptism, the person should be governed by a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ not to sin.

4) In **verse 12**, Paul used the phrase "faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_"; it means only \_\_\_\_\_ has the powers to \_\_\_\_\_ sin. His power raised Jesus from the dead and His power \_\_\_\_\_ sin from our lives when we \_\_\_\_\_ His Son.

12. In **verse 13**, Paul affirmed that the Colossians were at one time \_\_\_\_\_ dead because of sins.

1) In **Ephesians 2:1**, Paul declared that a person was \_\_\_\_\_ dead while walking in \_\_\_\_\_, but if you were "in \_\_\_\_\_" then you were spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

2) When is a person forgiven of sin? The answer is after the \_\_\_\_\_ from the watery \_\_\_\_\_ (**Rom. 6:11**).

13. In **verse 14**, Paul declared that Jesus by His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ achieved the following related to Mosaic Law:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ the law (**Matt. 5:16**),
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**ended**) the law (**Eph. 2:15**),
- 3) showed the law served its \_\_\_\_\_ (**Gal. 3:24-25**),
- 4) made the law \_\_\_\_\_ (no longer in effective) (**Heb. 8:13**), and
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ it to the cross (**Col. 2:14**).

14. Paul in, **verse 15** declared that Jesus “\_\_\_\_\_ **principalities and powers**”, that is, Satan’s power was \_\_\_\_\_, but Jesus through the \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ stripped death of its \_\_\_\_\_ (**1 Cor. 15:55-56**).

15. We don’t have to be afraid to die, because one day, we shall all \_\_\_\_\_ again with a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ body (**Phil 3:20-21**).

16. In **verses 16-23**, Paul condemned several erroneous \_\_\_\_\_ that the Colossians were to avoid.

- 1) Paul said, “**let no one judge you in \_\_\_\_\_ or in \_\_\_\_\_, or regarding a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new moon or \_\_\_\_\_.**”
- 2) In light of the false teachers that they were to “\_\_\_\_\_” of, Paul said, don’t let people establish \_\_\_\_\_ for you that were not based on the teaching of Jesus; remember the emphasis of the chapter in **Colossians 2:10** – “**you are \_\_\_\_\_ in Him (Christ).**”
- 3) Under the Mosaic Law, the Jews were under strict \_\_\_\_\_ laws; they kept certain \_\_\_\_\_ and holy days. (**We don’t celebrate \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Feast of Tabernacle, etc.; these were Jewish feasts.**)
- 4) It’s likely that the false teachers were putting pressure on the Colossians to be \_\_\_\_\_ and keep the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ is okay, but there’s no command in the New Testament for Christian to fast.
- 6) The \_\_\_\_\_ was a day the Israelites were commanded to observe (**Ex. 20:8-10; Deut. 5:12**).

7) **Question number 13** of this study guide addressed the Bible's teaching related to the Mosaic Law.

8) Christians are instructed to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the \_\_\_\_\_ not the Sabbath (**Acts 20:7 and 1 Cor. 16:2**).

17. The Mosaic Law and its rituals were "a \_\_\_\_\_ of things to \_\_\_\_\_" (**v. 17**), that is, the Mosaic system \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian dispensation - the \_\_\_\_\_ thing (**Heb. 8:5**).

18. In **verse 18**, Paul returned to his exhortation to the Colossians; "let no one \_\_\_\_\_ you of your \_\_\_\_\_", that is, don't allow these pretending to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ teachers rob you of your \_\_\_\_\_ - your citizenship in heaven (**Phil 3:20**).

19. These false teachers taught that it was permissible to worship \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ should not be worshipped (**Rev. 22:8-9**).

20. The Colossians were charged to \_\_\_\_\_ teachers who were attempting to "cheat" them by promoting Judaism and angelic worship, and the false teachers were not \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus Christ (**v. 19**).

21. In **verse 20**, Paul declared to the Colossians, since they had \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_, by repenting and being baptized; they were \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world. Today, Christians are not to \_\_\_\_\_ to the teachings of \_\_\_\_\_ - the doctrine or teaching of \_\_\_\_\_ is capable to make us \_\_\_\_\_.

22. When it comes to the doctrines of \_\_\_\_\_ (**worldly wisdom and rudiments of this world**), Paul said, "Do not \_\_\_\_\_, do not \_\_\_\_\_, do not \_\_\_\_\_;" the doctrine of men will not complete you in Christ, but will cause you to be incomplete (**v. 21**).

23. In **verse 22**, Paul said don't follow the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of men for they shall \_\_\_\_\_ and those who follow them will \_\_\_\_\_ (**cf. Matt. 15:13-14**).

24. The doctrines of men, Paul explained to them, may have given the \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ or religiously \_\_\_\_\_, but they were contrary to that \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ (**v. 22**).

25. In **verse 23**, Paul concluded this discussion by stating such things as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ have absolutely no \_\_\_\_\_; they were to be avoided!