

6 - THE ONSLAUGHT OF DECEPTION (COLOSSIANS 2:8-17)

I. The Warning Against False Teaching (2:8)

A. Be on guard (2:8a)

- Paul tells his readers to beware of anyone who would _____.

B. Areas of deception (2:8b)

1. Philosophy

- The word "philosophy" means _____.
- Paul is warning against a type of philosophy that keeps people from _____.

2. Empty deceit

- Paul warns against being led astray by _____.

3. Tradition of men

- His readers must guard against human traditions that _____.

4. Principles of the world

- They must guard themselves against the basic principles that _____.

5. Not according to Christ

- They must not be led astray by anything that is _____.

II. The Deity of Christ (2:9-10)

A. Fullness of Godhead (2:9)

- Paul reminds his readers that in Jesus Christ _____.

B. Complete in him (2:10a)

- The believer's completeness is only found in _____.

C. His authority (2:10b)

- Jesus Christ has authority over _____.

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III. Coping with Legalism (2:11-17)

A. Our standing (2:11-15)

1. Spiritual circumcision (2:11)

- Judaizers stressed that Gentiles must be circumcised according to _____.
- Paul points out that believers were _____.

2. Baptism (2:12)

- They were baptized which expresses _____.

Scripture Romans 6:3-4

3. Made alive (2:13a)

- Though we are spiritually dead in our sins, Jesus made us _____.

Scripture Ephesians 2:1,5-6

4. Removal of offense (2:13b-14)

- Through his death on the cross, Jesus has _____.

5. His Triumph (2:15)

- Jesus Christ has triumphed over the spiritual forces of evil and _____.

B. The encouragement (2:16-17)

1. Stand (2:16)

- Don't let anyone judge you as to whether you are fulfilling _____.

2. The purpose of Old Testament rituals (2:17)

- The Old Testament rituals and observances were a _____.