

Week 3 (January 29) Colossians 2:1-23

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Icebreaker question: For those of you who heard the sermon this Sunday, what resonated with you most?

Verses 1-7

1. Verses 1-5 are a continuation of the previous chapter describing Paul's desire for the believers in Colosse. What is his primary goal? (v.2)
2. According to verse 4, why is he writing this letter?
3. What does "living in Christ" involve? (see 1:10-12) What does the phrase "rooted and built up" imply to you?

Verses 8-15

4. What are some elements of false teaching Paul mentions in verse 8?
5. How does Paul show that Jesus is the one, absolutely sufficient Savior? (vv 9-15)
6. What treasures and benefits are ours in him?

Verses 16-23

7. Describe some of the "rules" Paul speaks out against in verse 16.
8. What are some modern-day additions to the faith that you have encountered from people who try to encourage one to be "more spiritual"?
9. How does Paul respond to that (see previous question) in the rest of the chapter? How does it apply to us today?
10. Food for thought: What area are you still susceptible to getting caught up in rule keeping? What are you going to do about it?

Bonus Question:

- Explain "circumcision of Christ". What is the relationship between circumcision, baptism, and the cross?