



GOT TRUTH?

Truth & What's Really Close To It

Colossians 2:6-15

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Paul's Encouragement (verses 6,7)

1. In these verses how does Paul describe Jesus? How might this description be encouraging to the Colossian believers? Is this description of Jesus encouraging to you?
2. In these verses how does Paul encourage the Colossians to *"walk in Him"*?
3. What does it mean to be *"rooted and built up in Him"*? What could this look like for you personally as you *"walk in Him"*?
4. What does it mean to be *"established in the faith, just as you were taught"*? What could this look like for you personally as you *"walk in Him"*?
5. What does it mean to be *"abounding in thanksgiving"*? What could this look like for you personally as you *"walk in Him"*?

Paul's Warning (verse 8)

6. In verse 8, what is Paul warning to the Colossian believers about? Why?
7. Is all philosophy bad philosophy? Should Christians avoid philosophy at all costs? Is there any good philosophy?
8. In verse 8, how does Paul describe *"philosophy and empty deceit"*? What are its characteristics? What do each of these descriptions mean?
9. Paul's warning, *"see to it,"* means a proactive "eyes open" approach to evaluating the philosophy of the world we live in. Thinking about your own life, is there any part of your "worldview" that is being formed by the philosophy of the world?
10. If so, what could you do to personally heed Paul's warning?

Paul's Focus (verses 9-15)

11. Looking at verses 9 to 14, what are four truths about the believer in Jesus (there are more than four so don't feel limited to what was shared in worship)? Pick one and share what it means to you personally.
12. In verse 15, how does Paul describe Jesus, His work on the cross, and His resurrection? How does this truth about Jesus apply to the believer? What does this truth mean to you personally?
13. In warning about empty and deceitful philosophy, why does Paul focus on Jesus?
14. What bearing can Paul's focus have on us as we *"walk in Him"*?
15. As you seek to *"walk in Him"* is there any one part of this study that you found particularly helpful? A new insight? Something that you would like to focus on or change?
16. What step(s) will you take this week to incorporate this truth into your life this week?