

Membership Has Its Privileges

Colossians: Stay the Course

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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. *Read Colossians 2:1-5.*

What does Paul want for the believers in Colosse and other places he hasn't traveled, and what does he do about it?

Are there other sources of "wisdom and knowledge" that vie for your attention or distract you from focusing on Jesus? What are they? What do you need to do about them?

2. *Read Colossians 2:6-7.*

What does Paul say we must do after accepting Christ? What does that look like in your life right now?

What does Paul say will happen in the life of a person who is following Jesus faithfully? Are these things true of you? If not, why not? What is hindering your progress?

What evidence do you see in your life of growth, strength, and thankfulness? If you're not sure, ask a trusted person in your life.

3. *Read Colossians 2:8-15.*

Give some examples of 'empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense' that you see in our world today. What makes them so appealing to people?

Where has worldly 'wisdom' infiltrated your thinking? In what area do you need to evaluate whether your perspectives are aligned with Christ?

What **WAS** true about you before you surrendered to Christ? What **IS** true of you now, as a follower of Christ? How does the truth about who you are in Christ motivate you to live as a follower of Christ?

4. *Read Colossians 2:16-19.*

How have you experienced the impact of legalism in your life?

What is the difference between obligation and obedience? Which one motivates you to live the way you do?

5. *Read Colossians 2:20-23.*

What is your identity based on? Are your daily actions and decisions grounded in who you ARE or in who you're trying to become? What is the difference and why does it matter?