

# Colossians 2:6-15

Please read the **section** in its entirety before attempting to answer your questions.

**Besides the Bible, what book do you most?**

1.
  - A. Paul begins with **therefore** and explains what **it** is *there for*. Can you? What is the *basis* for all that Paul will say?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. How does Paul describe the Colossians in vv.6-7. Which of these relate to spiritual maturity? Explain the imagery Paul is using. Is it helpful?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2.
  - A. What was Paul's concern for the Colossians? (2:8).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. Upon what are the false "gospels" based? What do you think Paul meant by **the elementary principles of the world**?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How did Paul describe Christ? (2:9) Speculate reasons why Paul would feel the need to describe Christ in this way

4. What affects the Believers' "completeness" in Christ according to v.10? Since true, what actions among the Colossians would be averted with respect to false teaching?
  
5.
  - A. What *kind* of circumcision had the Colossians undergone? (2:11) How was it different than the circumcision practiced by Jews under the Mosaic Covenant?
  
  - B. How was this Christian circumcision made effective? (2:11-12) Was Paul talking about water baptism? Explain.
  
6. What were the personal effects experienced by the Colossians being **made alive together with** Christ? (2:13- 14) I.e., what did Jesus accomplish by His death of the cross?
  
7. What other spiritual effect (on a cosmic level no less) took place because of Jesus' sacrifice? Who are these **rulers and authorities** mentioned? Cf. 1:16. Why do you think this was important?