



A Study of Colossians

Chapter 2

If you received a letter from a man you had never met, a man who was a prisoner, accused of being a troublemaker, how would you respond? The Colossian believers faced that exact problem. They knew that Paul had been instrumental in leading their preacher, Epaphras, to the Lord. They also knew that Epaphras had gone to Rome to consult with Paul and had not yet returned. The church members had received Paul’s letter, brought to them by Tychicus and Onesimus. But the false teachers in Colossae had been discrediting Paul and causing doubts in the people’s minds. “Why listen to a man who is a political prisoner?” they asked. “Can you trust him?” Knowing that there were enemies already attacking the church in Colossae, Paul offered encouragement. By heeding his admonitions, the Colossians would overcome their enemies.

Striving For The Saints (1:28-2:3)

1. Paul’s goal was to present everyone _____ in Christ (1:28-29)
2. Paul _____ with all his energy (1:29, 2:1)
3. Paul’s purpose was to _____ in heart, _____ in love, receive the full _____ of complete understanding and know the _____ of God (2:2-3)

Making Spiritual Progress (2:4-7)

1. Paul told the Colossians this so that no one may _____ you by fine-sounding _____ (2:4)
2. Paul uses several illustrations to show the Colossians the way to progress: (1) _____ 2:5
 (2) _____ 2:6, (3) _____ 2:7a, (4) _____ 2:7b,
 (5) _____ 2:7c, (6) _____ 2:7d
3. Paul never forgets to be _____ (2:7e)

Watch Out For The Pitfalls (2:8-23)

1. _____ and _____ philosophy 2:8
2. _____ of the body and not _____ of the heart 2:11-13
3. _____ keeping (2:14-17)
4. Delighting in false _____ and the worship of _____. (2:18-19)
5. Restraining _____ indulgence (2:20-23)