COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

8 Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elemental forces of the world, and not based on Christ. 9 For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ, 10 and you have been filled by Him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. 11 You were also circumcised in Him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of the Messiah. 12 Having been buried with Him in baptism, you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive with Him and forgave us all our trespasses. 14 He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; He triumphed over them by Him.

Additional passages

Ephesians 5:6-14, Ephesians 1:21-22, Ephesians 2:1-5, Romans 6:3-4

Keyword

"Captive" / Greek: "sylagōgeō"

Phonetic Pronunciation: soo-lag-ogue-eh'-o
Definition: From the base of <G4813> (sulao) and (the reduplicated form of) <G71> (ago); 1. To carry off booty, 1a. To carry one off as a captive (and slave), 1b. To lead away from the truth and subject to one's sway.

Questions to consider

1. What was Paul warning the Colossians to be careful of? What are some teachings we need to be careful of today?
2. Why is it important for us to be cautious about who we are listening to and what we are believing?
3. From this passage what can you conclude is true about us in view of our relationship with Jesus? What is also true about the teachings and ideas of this world as a result of Jesus' death and resurrection?
4. What is baptism, and why is it important?
5. Where does Jesus sit positionally compared to all other authorities in the world? How should His position practically affect your life?

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