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Acts 19:26

“And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods.”

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Colossians 1:3-4

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One of the biggest temptations
Christianity faces in a land with
many religions is syncretism.

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Syncretistic Christianity

The incorporation of non-Christian beliefs with
Christian beliefs which creates a religion that is no
longer Christianity.

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It is common today for people to
incorporate elements of Christianity
into their own personal religion as if
both are equally true.

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1. Judaism

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2. Asceticism

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Colossians 2:18

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Colossians 2:20-23

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3. Worship of Angels

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4. Visions

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Once a person begins to interpret all of their thoughts and imaginations as messages from above, they will be given over to an infinite number of false teachings.

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5. Immorality

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When man is in charge of making up his own religion, he will glorify behaviors that God forbids.

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Colossians 3:5-6

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6. Removing the Humanity of Christ

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Colossians 1:22

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7. Removing the Deity of Christ

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Colossians 2:9

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8. The Sufficiency of Christ

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Colossians 1:14

“in whom we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins”

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Colossians 1:20

“and through him to reconcile to himself all
things, whether on earth or in heaven, making
peace by the blood of his cross.”

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The sufficiency of Christ in salvation
was and is constantly under attack.

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9. Philosophy

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Colossians 2:8

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1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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A. Philosophy Based on Tradition

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B. Based on the Elemental
Spirits of the World

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How were the Colossian believers to
know if such philosophy
was true or false?

*Jesus is the authority of truth. If a
philosophy was not in accord with the
teaching of Christ, then it was false.*

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10. The Supremacy of Christ

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They failed to see the supremacy of Christ.

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Colossians 1:15-17

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Series: Colossians

Sermon: Introduction to Colossians

- 1. False teaching was not something that only the Hebrew, Colossians, or Galatians had to face, but we do as well. If Paul was to write this letter to us living in 2022 in the Denton area, what false teachings do you think he might warn against?**

- 2. What advice does Paul give to the Colossian believers who are face the threats of false teachers and false teaching in Colossians 2:6?**

- 3. How can we apply this passage (2:6) to believers facing false teaching today? For example, what advice would you give a fellow Christian facing friends, family, or media that was trying to lure him or her away with false teaching?**

- 4. Paul's letter to the Colossians contains great reminders of who Jesus is and what He has accomplished (see Col. 1:15-21). How does being reminded of truths that you already know help to defend against false teaching?**

- 5. Paul wrote 5 letters (books of the Bible) to believers while he was in prison. What does this say about Paul's love of fellow Christians?**

- 6. What else did Paul do while he was in prison besides write letters to his fellow believers?**

Col. 1:3: _____
Phil. 1:12-13 _____
Acts 16:25 _____

In difficult times, tribulations, and trials, it is easy to become self-focused (me centered). How could Paul's example of life while being imprisoned serve to be an encouragement to you when you face various difficulties?

