

EQUATIONS

LIFEgroups

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One Way! Really?

Colossians 2:4-23

Context

Colossians gives us a concise, but comprehensive view of who Jesus is. And with this, an understanding of how the truth of who He is can profoundly impact our personal lives. This New Testament book shows us that he's the supreme factor in every equation of life.

It's always helpful to read an entire book of scripture before digging into each chapter and verse. If you haven't yet, it would be good to read all of Colossians before beginning this week's study.

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Questions for Study

1. How would you say you viewed Christianity before you became a follower of Jesus Christ?
2. What are you hearing people say these days about Christianity?
3. What objection to Christianity are you hearing the most?
4. Write down the definition of the word 'Syncretism'. (Perhaps dictionary time.) How are we seeing this in our world today?
5. What verses in today's scripture show that false teaching was creeping into the church in Colossae?
6. This is a bit of a challenging question... In verse 8 Paul gives a warning. What two things does he say the philosophy of these false teachers depends on? Now look for the verses in this passage that you think describe each one in more detail.
7. Paul mentions "human tradition" in verse 8. Compare this with Mark 7:1-8. How does this help us understand what this human tradition is?
8. What does Paul teach us in this passage about Jesus Christ and what He did? How can we use these verses to explain our faith in Christ to another person?