

## COLOSSIANS: LESSON 4

### I. VAIN DOCTRINES OPPOSED TO THE PERFECT CHRIST (2:8-23)

#### A. Philosophy (2:8-10)

1. Takes you away as captive slaves
2. Vain deceit
3. Tradition of men
4. Rudiments of the world
5. Not after Christ
  - a. In him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily.
  - b. In him we are complete.
  - c. Christ is head of all principality and power.

#### B. Judaism (2:11-17)

1. Christ provides a circumcision not made with hands.
  - a. through baptism
  - b. made alive
  - c. forgiveness
2. Christ provides nailing of ordinances to the cross.
3. Christ triumphs over all principalities and powers.
4. Let no man judge you over Jewish ordinances.
  - a. All are a shadow.
  - b. Christ is the body.

#### C. Angel Worship (2:18-19)

1. Robs you of your heavenly prize
2. Devotees puffed up
3. Does not hold fast the Head.

#### D. Asceticism (2:20-23)

1. We died with Christ from rudimentary ordinances of the world.
2. Ordinances deal with perishing things.
3. Such has no value against fleshly indulgence.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why does Paul warn Christians to beware of philosophy?
  
2. The “*rudiments of the world*” describe a philosophy:
  - a. which is elementary when compared with the wisdom of Christ.
  - b. emphasizing the spiritual powers in the heavenly bodies.
  - c. both (a) and (b)
  - d. none of the above

3. Why do we not need any other doctrine than Christ's?
4. In Christ we have what kind of circumcision?
5. How does faith relate to the action in baptism?
6. God has made us \_\_\_\_\_ together with \_\_\_\_\_ having \_\_\_\_\_ us our trespasses.
7. What was taken out of the way through the cross?
8. What triumph did Jesus experience through the cross?
9. Why are not the various Jewish observances, including the Sabbath Day, not essential for Christians to obey?
10. What were some worshipping that robs you of your prize?
11. Why is such worship appealing?
12. How do we grow with God's increase?
13. Keeping one's self from physical pleasures is the life of a Christian (T) (F)
14. We can be severe to the \_\_\_\_\_ and not be profitable at the same time in fighting against the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.