

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Colossians 2:4-15

Review

- Have you ever been convinced that something was true, when in fact it was all a lie? What emotions did you feel when you found out the real truth?
- Think of someone who always seems to be “overflowing with thankfulness”. What hardships have they been through?
- What ‘man-made’ rituals do you think are included in UK churches?

Remind

- How many times do the words “in Christ”, “in him”, “by him” and “by Christ” appear in the passage?
- What four images does Paul use in v.7 to help us understand how we should continue to live in Christ?
- What was the heresy (false teaching) that was being taught to the Colossians (v.8)?
- A “legal indebtedness” (v.14) was a hand-written, signed confession, listing personal debts. What has Christ done with this certificate that was “against us” and “condemned us”?
- What three victories did Jesus secure on the cross (v.15)?

Respond

- What does it mean to “receive Christ Jesus as Lord” (v.6)?
- As the Colossians were taught what to do, they were “strengthen in the faith” (v.7). What might you do to be strengthened in your faith in Jesus Christ?
- You could end by reading again Colossians 2:9-10:
“⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,
¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.”

Colossians 2:4-15 NIVUK

⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.