**Study Questions**

**Colossians 2:8-15**

 **“Setting Our Minds on Christ” Part 1**

1. Read Colossians 2: 8-15. Paul agonizes over the danger of believers being taken captive. What is taking the Colossians captive? According to last week’s sermon, the word captive can also be translated as what? Can believers in Christ be taken captive? If so, how?

1. What is a basic definition of philosophy? Discuss the subject of philosophy. Is philosophy good or bad? Discuss how?
2. Paul was extremely concerned about the heresy (anything that is not according to what the Word of God teaches) that was infiltrating the Colossians. Are you aware of any modern-day philosophies, traditions, false teachings or prophecies that may be captivating people today? Consider this question carefully. What kind of input into your thoughts are you receiving now or have received in the past that could still be affecting you?
3. Paul also describes the philosophy attacking this Church as based on “human traditions”. What does the word tradition mean? Discuss if human traditions are good or bad. What did Jesus have to say on the subject as you read Mark 7:8-9
4. In our passage (Col. 2:8-15), In whom does all the fullness of Deity dwell in bodily form? What does this mean? Can you think of any Scriptures that support your answer? Who is the head over all rule and authority? How can we know if a teaching/philosophy is from God?
5. Name everything that God has done for us according to Colossians 2:13-15? See also Galatians 3:13
6. Read (2 Peter 1:3 and Matt. 6:31-32) What is the danger of not experiencing the fullness of Christ is our lives? Do we as believers need other things to experience the fullness of Christ? Please discuss. Are you searching for more? Why?