

Paul Refutes Deceptive Philosophy

Colossians 2:6-10

Intro: In the next section of Colossians, 2:6-23, Paul moves from the *doctrinal*, which focused on the preeminence of Jesus Christ and His complete provision of reconciliation, to the *polemical*, where he refutes the false teachings being propagated among the Colossians. Paul defends the Colossians against the deadly teachings of philosophy (2:6-10), legalism (2:11-17), mysticism (2:18-19), and asceticism (2:20-23). This morning we only want to deal with the first perversion, *deceptive philosophy*.

I. Paul's Defense Against Deceptive Philosophy 2:6-10

A. An exhortation to continue in faith (vv. 6-7)

B. An exhortation to reject deceptive philosophy (v. 8)

Paul's warning draws attention to four characteristics of this dangerously seductive philosophy.

1. First, it was deceptive
2. Second, it was according to the human traditions of men
3. Third, it was propagated by demonic forces
4. Forth, it leads to bondage

C. An exhortation to progress in faith (vv. 9-10)

1. Christ possess all the fulness of deity (v. 9)
2. Christ fills believers (v. 10a)
3. Christ is the head over all rule and authority (v. 10b)



Memory verse: Col. 2:9 “For in Him all the fulness of deity dwells in bodily form.”