

Colossians 2

- 1) Along with 1:7 of some translations, some people use verse 1 of this chapter to argue that Paul was never at Colossae, but what other conclusion might be reached from the wording?
 - a) Acts 16:6 says that Paul preached “throughout Phrygia.” What was the relationship of Colossae to Phrygia?
- 2) It is likely that a sect of the “Gnostics” (the “knowers”) had infiltrated Colossae. They considered themselves to be intellectually superior to others. Who does Paul identify as the *real* knowers?
- 3) According to verse 4, what technique did some use to “deceive” others?
 - a) What other tactics did the false teachers use (vs. 8)?
- 4) What did the Colossians need to do in order to remain *rooted*?
- 5) What does verse 9 teach about the nature of Jesus, even while He was in the flesh?
- 6) Where did Paul say that true spiritual completion occurred?
- 7) What is the new (spiritual) circumcision?

8) Along with Romans 6:4, what does Colossians 2:12 teach about the mode of baptism?

a) How does John 3:23 help to make this point?

b) How does Acts 8:37,38 help to make this point?

9) From verses 13-15, list the things that were accomplished by Christ's death on the Cross:

10) Why shouldn't we observe Old Testament practices today?

11) Verses 16-23 contain a list of religious practices that combined Gnosticism with Judaism: List as many of the false practices as you can think of:

a) Of what benefit were these "religious" practices?

b) What did Jesus teach about contrived religious works in Matthew 7:22-23 and Matthew 15:9?