

## Empty Deception

### Colossians 2:8-10, 13

Look at the two categories of thought in this passage:

**False:**

Philosophy

Empty deception

According to the tradition of men

According to the elementary principles of the world

(Not) according to Christ

**True:**

In Him all the fullness of deity dwells

In Him you have been made complete

He is the head over all rule and authority

You were dead in your transgressions

He made you alive together with Him

Having forgiven us all our transgression

For each of the following ideas common in our time, choose whether it is true or false. Use at least two of the statements of Colossians 2, listed above, as proof for your conclusion. You may use "false" statements to prove something false, or "true" statements (which the idea opposes) to prove something false. If something is true, that can be shown either by its agreement with "true" statements in Colossians, or its opposition to "false" statements.

Jesus is my Lord and Savior

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You create your own destiny

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Through God's Word I can face any problem in life

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To live is Christ, to die is gain

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I'm a victim of my past; what I did isn't my fault

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High self – esteem fulfills a person

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The only real hope to be whole is in the Lord

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Who could still show love if someone hurt them so badly?

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Falling in love makes me complete

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My true home is heaven; I'm an alien, a foreigner here

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My passion in life is to obey the Lord

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I believe in myself; learning to love yourself is the greatest love of all

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God may have forgiven me, but I can't forgive myself

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I'm a sinner saved by grace; all that I am that is of any value is because of God's gracious work in me

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