

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for May 3-4, 2003

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"Let No One Delude You"

Colossians 2:1-7

Colossians 1 grounds the church in truth, Colossians 2 guards the church from error.

The problem addressed in 2:1-7 is found in 2:4. "Delude" (2:4) means "to reckon wrongly," and speaks to our susceptibility to being led astray.

1. The problem of being deluded

"Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Gerry's top ten persuasive arguments that have been used to delude Christians:

10. False humility

9. Arrogant intimidation

8. Unfair comparisons

7. Personal attacks

6. Compelling testimonials

5. False guilt

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4. Manipulating Scripture

3. False promises

2. Using relationships

1. Appeals to our flesh

2. The protection from being deluded

a. We are protected by a settled connection to our fellowship in the church (2:1-2)

1) Fellow believers will exert effort on your behalf

2) Fellow believers will extend encouragement to your heart

3) Fellow believers will effectively enfold you in love

A proper association with Christ's body enables us to restore those led astray.

b. We are protected by a secure comprehension of our fortune in Christ (2:2-3)

1) Knowing Christ is a hidden mystery that is revealed to us

2) Knowing Christ is a hidden treasure that is received by us

A proper appreciation of Christ's person and work enables us to refute arguments.

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c. We are protected by a strong commitment to our following of Christ (2:5-7)

1) Our walk with Christ requires receiving Christ

2) Our walk with Christ requires discipline

3) Our walk with Christ requires faith

4) Our walk with Christ requires instruction

A proper allegiance to Christ's person and work enables us to resist attacks.