

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for May 10-11, 2003

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"Let No One Deceive You"

Colossians 2:8-15

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

The focus of Colossians 2:1-7 was a warning to not be deluded. Deluded speaks to our susceptibility to being led astray. The focus of Colossians 2:8-15 is a warning to not be deceived. Deception speaks of the error of the philosophy of men.

The only command in Colossians 2:8-15 is "see to it," which has the sense of "beware."

1. Our Choice: Deception or Truth (2:8)

God's Word is truth (John 17:17)

Parents must lead their children to Christ's truth instead of the world's error.

2. Our Choice: Captivity or Freedom (2:8)

True freedom comes from abiding in Christ's Word (John 8:31-32).

Parents must lead their children to Christ's way instead of living according to their own way.

3. Our Choice: Emptiness or Fullness (2:8-10)

The word "Deity" (theotetos) is a Greek word specially crafted by Paul to communicate that Christ is the very complete essence of God.

Because He is the fullness of God, He is able to make us full (John 1:16).

Parents must lead their children to the fullness of Christ instead of to the emptiness of the world.

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4. Our Choice: Elementary or Wise (2:8-10)

"Elementary principles" (2:8) are the "ABCs."

God's Word is wise (Psalm 19:7; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 3:18-17).

Parents must lead their children to the wisdom of God instead of to the foolishness of man.

5. Our Choice: External Tradition or Internal Transformation (2:8-12)

Circumcision of the heart is also an Old Testament concept (Deuteronomy 10:16; 30:6).

Parents must lead their children to a change of heart instead of simply a change in behavior.

6. Our Choice: Death or Life (2:12-14)

An understanding and appreciation of the gospel is fundamental to life and ministry.

Parents must lead their children to know the gospel instead of just becoming a Christian.

7. Our Choice: Victory or Defeat (2:15)