

Colossians 1-2 Study Questions (cont)

4. Using 1:19-23 what has Jesus done for all creation in relation to His Father (v19-20)? Why do we need this (v21), what is the purpose of being reconciled (made friends with) God (v22), and how do we fulfill this purpose (v23)?

5. Based on 1:24-29 describe God's mission for Paul (v24-25), and the core of his message (v26-27). What does this mean? What was Paul's purpose every day and how did he do it (v28-29)?

6. Read 2:1-5. What was Paul's struggle in relation to the Colossians (v1, 4), and why (v1)? What did he want for them (v2, 5), and how would you apply that to what God wants for us (v2-3, 5)?

7. From 2:6-7 what are the two phases of the Christian life (v6), and how do they relate (v6)? How are we to live the Christian life—be specific (v7)?

8. Looking at 2:8-15 of what do we have to beware (v8)? How does Jesus answer this, based on who He is (v9)? What has he done for us (v10, 11-12, 13-14, 15), and what does each of these mean to you?

9. In 2:16-19 what are we to resist (v16, 18), and why (v17)? To experience God's growth, what must each of us hold onto (v19), and how does this work (see also Eph 4:15-16)? Apply this.

10. From 2:20-23 what kind of religious rules do people make up (v20-22), and why (v23)? What would this look like today? Why is it foolish to follow rule-based religion (v20, 23)?

11. Using Colossians 1-2, summarize in your own words what characterizes true Christians (1:1-12), why Christ is central to Christianity (1:13-2:15), and why rules alone don't work (2:16-23).

Scripture to Remember

*“As you have therefore
received Christ Jesus the
Lord, so walk in Him.”
Colossians 2:6*

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Life Group Questions

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Think about the choices you have made today, starting with getting up vs staying in bed. Talk about how things might have been if you had chosen differently.
2. Talk about some important things in life that must be entered through a narrow gate, and why. Why did God make the gate that leads to eternal life so narrow?
3. Discuss the pitfalls and benefits of the wide path, and of the narrow path. What is required to take the narrow path?
4. What does it mean that “we are free to choose our gate, but not our destination”? If we really believe this, how will it affect our daily lives?
5. As a group talk about guidelines for discerning the narrow gate in every decision we make. How does this relate to the Lordship of Christ?
6. Discuss anything else that impressed you from the message today if you have time.