



SERMON

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK 7: Colossians 2:8-12

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Now, read Colossians 2:8-12 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Was there anything that you didn't understand? Discuss.
- 4) Paul was worried that the Colossians might be led astray into false philosophies and teachings about Jesus and religion (v. 8). What do you think are some of the most prominent false teachings / philosophies that are believed by people in our culture today?
- 5) Following up the previous question, what false beliefs about God have you had in the past? How did you come to realize the truth?
- 6) In verse 9, Paul states again plainly that Jesus is fully God. If someone were to ask you "Does that Bible really teach that Jesus is God, and not just a good teacher?" What would you tell him or her? What other Scriptures demonstrate Jesus' divinity?
- 7) In verses 11-12, Paul uses two different pictures to talk about what it means to be a christian. The first picture he uses is that of circumcision. Circumcision was a practice God gave to all Israelite males as a way of setting them apart and marking them as His people. It pictured the cutting away and removal of sin. In a similar way, Jesus circumcises believers spiritually. He removes our sinful flesh and makes us new creatures.

The second picture Paul uses is that of baptism. Baptism pictures the death of who we were (as we go down into the water) and the resurrection of who we are now in Christ (as we are raised up out of the water).

How do these two pictures help you understand salvation better? Do you normally think of yourself as someone who has died to sin, and been raised to new life in Christ?

- 8) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.