

## Colossians 2:6-15 - Complete in Christ - Study Questions

- 1) Why is it so hard to discern truth from lies? What lies of the world have we felt pressured to believe or have personally believed?
- 2) Falsehood can also come into the church from people bringing in false teachings or from the church compromising to the culture around it. What are some examples you have seen of false teachings coming into the church? What are some of the falsehoods the church can buy into from the culture around it? How can a church guard against falsehoods coming in?
- 3) What does it mean to walk in Christ as we have received him? How do we do this?
- 4) What are some ways we can build our own spiritual houses on the foundation of Jesus?
- 5) Paul used image of being rooted in Jesus as the strong foundation for our lives. How is this similar to Jesus' teaching in John 15, that he is the vine, we are the branches and we are to abide in him?
- 6) We are constantly bombarded by the philosophies, human traditions and elementary spirits (principles) of the world. Romans 12:2 says that instead of conforming to the pattern of world, we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, how?
- 7) The story was told of a bank teller being trained to study real bills in order to spot the fake ones. This was compared to knowing the truth of God's word in order to spot false teaching. What are other ways we can guard ourselves from error & going astray?
- 8) What impact does the knowledge that we are filled in Christ (in whom dwells the fullness of God and who is the head of all rule and authority) have on living out our faith in Christ? How does it relate to obeying the great commission of Jesus in Matthew 28?
- 9) We have been circumcised spiritually in Christ. What does this mean for us and how does this work itself out in our lives?
- 10) Because of his love for us, Jesus paid our sin debt in full by the shedding of his blood on the cross and freed us from the penalty of the law. He rose again, defeating sin & death, giving us new life, and triumphing over evil. Given all that Jesus has done for us, how do these truths deepen our love for him & encourage us in our faith? How should we respond back to him? How does this help us to live out the mission of passionately proclaiming the glory of God in Christ for the joy of all people?