

QUESTIONS

All questions are based on the New King James Version of the Bible.

DAY ONE: Read all notes and references.

1. a. What was most meaningful to you in Paul's prayer in Colossians 1:9-14?

b. What part of the prayer will you pray for yourself?

2. What helped you most from the lecture?

DAY TWO: Read Colossians 2:1-5. [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)

3. What sort of struggle or conflict do you think Paul was referring to in verse 1?

4. a. What do you learn about God's *mystery* from the above verses?

b. What more do you learn about the *mystery* from:

Ephesians 3:4-6

Colossians 1:26-27

c. (Personal Question) Why do we turn anywhere else other than to Christ for our fulfillment?

5. a. Why did Paul have reason to be concerned about the Colossian Christians?

b. Why did he have reason to rejoice?

c. (Personal Question) When was the last time you rejoiced over the firm faith of a Christian brother or sister? Ask the Lord to bring to your mind now, someone for whom you can rejoice over their faith in Christ.

DAY THREE: Read Colossians 2:6-10 and Ephesians 4:1-4 and 17-24. [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)

6. a. What challenge do you find in verse 6?

b. Using all the above verses, what does the challenge mean from both a positive and a negative standpoint?

7. a. What does Paul warn against in verse 8?

b. Can you name some philosophies or worldly traditions Christians should beware of today?

8. a. What statement about Christ does Paul repeat from Colossians 1:19?

b. What more has he added in Colossians 2:9?

c. ? (Thought Question) What do you think it means that the fullness of God dwells within Christ?

d. (Personal Question) How do the facts that God's fullness dwells in Christ and that you have been given fullness in Christ affect the way you think about your identity?

DAY FOUR: Read Colossians 2:11-15. [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)

9. Using the following verses, what does it mean to put off the body of *the sins of the flesh* (verse 11)?
(Note: Some translations use *the sinful nature*)

Romans 6:6

Philippians 3:21

Colossians 3:5

10. Paul says that the Colossians were *circumcised in Christ* (verse 11), having been *buried and raised up with Him in baptism* (verse 12).

a. What does circumcision signify in the following verses?

Genesis 17:9-11

Deuteronomy 30:6

Romans 4:9-13

b. What does baptism signify in the following verses?

Romans 6:3-4

1 Peter 3:21

c. **?** (Thought Question) From all the above verses on circumcision and baptism, what do you think is Paul's point in Colossians 2:11-12?

11. a. What did God do for Christ when He was dead?

b. What did God do for you when you were dead in your transgressions?

12. a. (Personal Question) What difference should the verses in this week's lesson make in your life? How do they make you want to live?
- b. ? (Thought Question) According to verse 14, what did God nail to the cross?

DAY FIVE: Read Colossians 2:16-19. [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)

13. a. Why are the Old Testament dietary laws and religious observances no longer necessary? Give verse.
- b. Write down something you learn about the dietary laws from the following verses.
- Mark 7:14-19
- Romans 14:17
- 1 Corinthians 8:8
- Hebrews 9:10

14. What is the warning in Colossians 2:18?

15. With whom should a Christian be connected? Why? Give verse.

16. (Personal Question) List some things that make it difficult for you to remain connected to Jesus Christ and give the reason why. Why do we often times focus more on what we think we should do for Christ than what Christ has done for us?

DAY SIX: Read Colossians 2:20-23. [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)

17. a. What does it mean to have died with Christ?

Romans 6:6

Romans 7:6

Galatians 2:20

b. What does Paul say the Christian has died to (verse 20)?

c. **?** (Thought Question) What do you think the basic (elementary) principles of the world might be?

18. a. What kind of things will perish?

b. What kinds of things appear to be wise but are of no value?

c. Name some things people try to add to the work of Christ today.

19. (Personal Question) God hates unrighteous "bad" works and self righteous (trying to earn God's approval) "good" works. Both make us slaves. What self righteous religious attitude is the Holy Spirit impressing on your heart that you need to remove from your life?