

Colossians 2:1-15

“Victory under the Sun, Part 1”

Intro and tie-in:

- Christmas — HOPE— Galatians 4 reference
- Easter — Victory— Hebrews 9 reference

Colossians heresy — Jesus plus philosophy, tradition, ascetiscim, etc..

- 1 John— gnosticism
- Judaizers
- Christ is sufficient

1. Paul's Desire for the Church (1-7)

- strong in heart (2a)
- United in love (2b)
- Settled in understanding (2c-5)
- Walking in Christ (6-7a)
- Abounding in gratitude (7b)

2. The Deficiency of Philosophy (8)

- it's aim is to “carry away”
- It's empty and earthly
- Don't look for heavenly answers from earthly man

3. The Sufficiency of Christ (8b-15)

- complete salvation (11-12)
- Complete forgiveness (13-14)
- Complete victory (15)

Small Groups Discussion:

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture and sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?
2. In verses 1-7 we see Paul's love and desire for the church. Which of these do you feel your life struggles with the most right now? What would it practically look like to grow in that area?
3. In what ways are we tempted today to live as if Christ is not enough?
4. What are common messages in our culture that sound convincing but pull us away from Christ? How can we guard against them?
5. This passage emphasizes the sufficiency of Christ— complete salvation, complete forgiveness, and complete victory. Which of these truths do you personally find hardest to fully believe or live out? How would embracing them change our lives?