

Sermon Notes

Reject the World's Principles

Real Life is in the All-powerful Christ

Colossians 2:8-15

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

2:8 Watch out that no one will be taking you captive.

Through philosophies - humans' ways to explain life, apart from God

Through empty deception - seduce us to believe they have promise of better life

Based upon the traditions of people

Based upon principles of this world

When you have access to God, which we do, in Christ, why would we mess with anything less?

2:9-10 The fullness of deity is in Christ, and in Christ you have been filled.

We have all we need for eternal life and this life in Christ.

2:11-12 In Christ you have been given a whole new life - buried, raised, spiritually circumcised, empowered.

In spiritual circumcision, we are marked out as the Lord's people, who should live differently than all those around us; we should live the Lord's ways.

2:13-15 Christ, who fills us and empowers us, has already defeated sin, death, and the spiritual powers of evil.

You were spiritually dead.

Through faith in Him, Christ made us alive with Him.

Having forgiven us all our transgressions

Having canceled out the record of decrees against us

Having nailed it to the cross

Christ has effectively defeated the forces of evil. They submit to Him.

(Related reading: 1 Peter 5:8-9, Ephesians 6:10-18)

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.