

## First Week 6 Study Questions

### Read Colossians 2:8-15

(v. 8) In the midst of his warning to the Colossians, what does Paul tell them to focus on?

Remember, Paul is not writing to an *individual Christian*. He is writing to a *group of Christians*. The temptation is to view this passage purely individualistically, but we'd only catch a glimpse of what Paul intends. Hebrews 10:24-25 are a good reminder:

***24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.***

It's more than just showing up to a bible study or hanging out. How can we point each other to Christ, stir one another up and encourage one another so that we might avoid being captured by something other than Christ?

(v. 9) What does it mean that the fullness of deity dwells in Christ?

(v. 10) In what way are we "filled in Him"? How should this be an encouragement to us on a daily basis?

(v. 11) What is this "circumcision made without hands?"

(v. 13) Why does Paul say that the Colossians were "dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh"? How is that important for understanding the significance Christ, and His actions, on our behalf?

This passage and the rest of Scripture talk of the believer being made alive in Christ, being made new, etc. Why do many professing Christians do not live, think, and talk much different than the unbelieving world around us?

(v. 14) What does it mean that Jesus nailed our record of debt to the cross? Understanding this, what is the practical implication for our lives?

How does this passage impact you personally? What characteristic or act of Christ stands out to you? How does this knowledge affect the way you live?