



WELCOME! In this Sunday morning series, we're studying verse-by-verse through the book of Colossians, one of Paul's letters to the early churches. It makes clear the supremacy of Jesus Christ, the one who is above all earthly struggles, relationships, and authorities — then *and* now. We're glad you've joined us in worship today!

Participate

WORSHIP WITH US THROUGH
ORDINANCES AND TRADITIONS

- » **LORD'S SUPPER, NEXT WEEK:** Share in the bread and cup that symbolize our unity through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. *Gluten-free servings are available at the back of the room for those who need them.*
- » **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM, NOVEMBER 8:** Proclaim your faith to your church family and follow Jesus in the practice of water baptism. *Sign up in Church Center if you'd like to be baptized during a worship service.*
- » **CHILD DEDICATION, FEBRUARY 7:** Parents, commit your children to the Lord as we welcome them into our community. *Sign up in Church Center if your family would like to dedicate a child during a worship service.*
- » **GIVE AT ANY TIME:** Financial giving in Grace Church is an act of worship to be done freely, joyously, and only as prompted by the Lord. *Gifts can be made at any offering box or online through Church Center.*

I. Spiritual knowledge and wisdom devoid of Christ is an illusion —
Colossians 2:18-19

🔍 *Further Reference: Colossians 1:28; 1 Kings 12; 1 Corinthians 9:25-27; Ephesians 3:11-12; 2 Timothy 4:7; Hebrews 4:16, 10:19, 10:22*

- » Paul warned the Colossians of false teachers attempting to defraud them of their reward.
- » These false teachers taught asceticism (worldly self-denial and false humility) and pagan mysticism.
- » They taught a corrupt method of worship and guaranteed superior spirituality as a result.
- » Believers are to hold fast to Christ, the true source of all knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.

II. Self-effort devoid of dependence upon the Spirit is eternally useless —
Colossians 2:20-23

🔍 *Further Reference: 1 Corinthians 8:10-13*

- » Paul reminds the Colossians of their identity in Christ.
- » Man-made methods devoid of Christ are of zero value in sanctifying us.
- » Believers are to trust Jesus for their sanctification.

Notes

CAPTURE YOUR THOUGHTS
IN THE SPACE BELOW

Takeaways

PROMPTS TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND APPLY WHAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS MORNING

- » Why is a “guaranteed” strategy or system appealing?
- » Where do we search for wisdom apart from Jesus?
- » How have you tried to grow in your faith on your own?
- » Why is it important to remember that we can approach God in confidence?
- » What are some of the “elemental spirits of the world” that we face?
- » What worldly wisdom has the appearance of being wise but no real value?



There's lots of fun for kids and their families coming up at this year's Fall Festival! This annual event is a great time for friends and neighbors to come, as well, but it is only made possible each year through the generous help of people like you! **Donation buckets for bagged candy are now available throughout the building,** plus there are lots of ways you can serve before, during, and after the event.

- » **WHO CAN ATTEND:** There's something for kids of all ages — invite your family and friends from the neighborhood to join in the fun!
- » **COST:** Free for kids to come, play games, and win candy!
- » **WHO CAN SERVE:** Older teenagers, college students, and adults of any age can sign up to serve in 30-minute slots or help with setup and tear down.
- » **HOW TO GET INVOLVED:** Fill out an orange "Serve at Fall Festival" card at the Welcome Center or any exit and leave it in the offering box today.

Learn More

WHERE TO GET ANSWERS
AND FIND INFORMATION

WELCOME CENTER: Stop by and talk with us this morning

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: Calendar, news, and more info

WEBSITE: Find detailed info online at gracechurch.com

CHURCH CENTER APP: Stay connected and go paperless

