

## Don't Be Taken Captive: Know Christ!

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Colossians 2:8-10

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### Paul's Warnings:

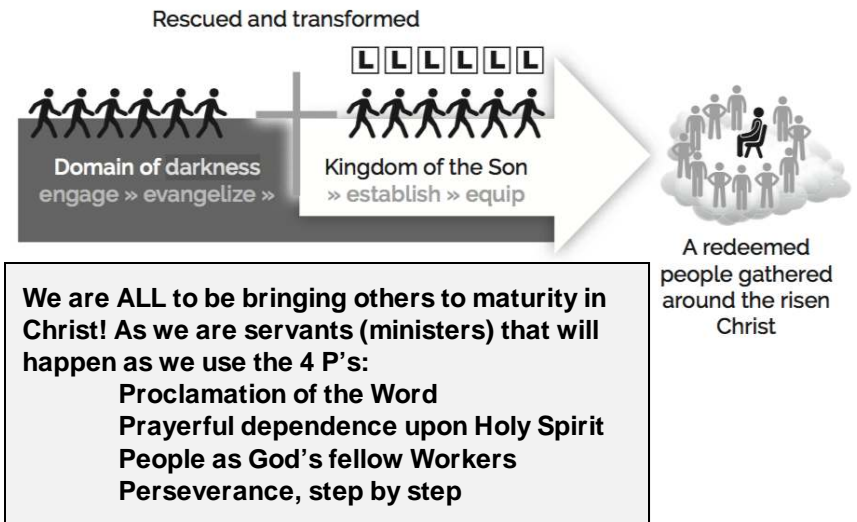
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#### A. Believers must be on alert for false ideas 8

- philosophy & empty deceit – false world views which distort truth
- 1. According to human tradition – rituals, legalism, etc...
- 2. According to elemental spirits – Christ is over stars <sup>1:17</sup>, elemental spirits & spirit world <sup>1:16</sup>, He is head of all <sup>1:18</sup> – say, “My Lord is already in control!”
- 3. Nor according to Christ – Measure everything against Christ & His Word! Be a good Berean <sup>Act 17:11</sup> as there is nothing new under the sun <sup>Ecc 1:9</sup>.

#### B. Believers must remember who Christ is & that we are in Union with Christ 9-10

- Two truths to remember:
  1. Who Jesus is – Christ is God & over All!
  2. Who we are in Christ – we have been filled in Him, made complete!
- Three phrases to teach us these truths:
  1. Fullness of Deity dwells in Christ:
    - In Christ the very essence of God
    - Christ doesn't just look like God, He is God <sup>2nd</sup> Person of Trinity
    - Beware of calling Christ just a 'great prophet', 'great teacher' - that is blasphemy, He is God, in Him all the fullness of the deity dwells.
  2. Believers are Complete in Christ
    - If Christ is fully God and we are complete in Him, then there is nothing that we need that we can't find in Christ!
  3. Christ is the Head of All Rule and Authority
    - You can't go over His head... Because Christ is Lord of All you don't need another truth or mediator to come to Christ
    - If Christ is your Savior then He is your Lord!
    - If Christ is your Lord then you have freedom to serve Him alone!
    - You are released from finding a special truth or serving the slavery of sin. Fullness of Life is found in Christ Alone!



### Discuss & Apply:

- Why does religion apart from Christ have such an appeal to so many?
- Are all spiritual rules (disciplines) wrong or dangerous? Why or why not?
- Why is it so easy to fall into religion rather than Christ? What is the difference? How should we guard against this?
- How can you present Christ to someone caught up in a cult or legalism?
- Can you present the gospel of Christ in a Biblical fashion?

### Some Great Salvation Verses:

1 Thess 5: 9-10	Eph 2: 4-6	John 3: 36
John 3: 16-17	John 6: 40	1 Tim 2: 3-6
1 John 5: 11	1 John 5: 20	Phil 3: 4-11
2 Cor 5: 21	Rom 3: 25-26	Rom 10: 9-10
1 Tim 1: 15	1 Pet 2: 24-25	