

COLOSSIANS – 2:8-9

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

- Colossians 2:8

1. 2:8 – Be Wary

- a. Spoil *def.* – to plunder, to rob, to seize
- b. This included both Jews and Gentile “dogs” – Phil 3:2, Exodus 11:7, 22:31
- c. Those trying to take away their liberty Gal 2:4,
- d. They desire to glory in your flesh - Gal 6:12-13
- e. They misguide you – Col 2:6, 2 Tim 2:16, 4:15, 1 Tim 1:19-20
- f. They make you incomplete – Col 2:10
- g. Be wary; and care fully about this → Titus 3:9

2. The Wordly Rudiments

- a. Chief ends to the world: Identity, Wisdom, Riches, Pleasure, Glory
- b. “A fool hath said in his hear, There is no God” - Psalm 14:1
- c. Professing wisdom they made a foolish declaration – Rom 1:22
- d. Philosophy – the love of wisdom, reasoning, etc.
- e. Wisdom *def.* – The right use of knowledge; the best means to laudable ends.
- f. Vain deceit – vain = worthless; deceit = lie (not the truth) – 1 Cor 3:18-21
- g. “tradition of men” – historical authority, religion, culture - 1 Cor 4:5-7
- h. Rudimentary questions: Origin, truth, ultimate value, purpose

3. A New Foundation

- a. Our source of wisdom – 1 Cor 1:30-31
- b. The Lord Jesus is the answer to the rudiments – Col 1:1, 116, 1:27, 2:3
- c. You need to break from the worlds rudiments – Gal 4:8-11
- d. Rudiments (first things) – You are a new creature – 2 Cor 5:17
- e. No other foundation but... 1 Cor 3:11

4. 2:9 – Our Fulness in God

- a. He is the All in all... Eph 1:23, 1 Cor 15:28, Rom 11:36,
- b. We serve one God – Isaiah 44:6, Eph 4:6
- c. God is a Spirit – John 4:24
- d. The Godhead is bodily in Christ – Col 2:9, 1 Tim 3:16, John 14:7-9
- e. God completes you through Christ – Col 2:10