

Hostage-Takers of the Soul
Colossians 2:8-10
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Review:

In the battle for truth vs. error there are several substitutes that would take you captive. The Scriptures give us a heads-up to watch out for these guys. These hostage-takers would rob you of what you have in Christ. The philosophy of this world, empty deceit, and the traditions of man can take “hostage/captive/spoil” our satisfaction in the supremacy of Christ. Because our hearts are “prone to wonder” and easily deceived, we need to heed the warnings against these deceivers.

Outline Review:

Hostage takers of the soul...

- I. Deny the all-sufficient truth in Christ.
- II. Demote the full deity of Christ.
- III. Diminish the complete blessing in Christ.

Application:

1. Paul calls the world’s philosophies, “empty deceit” that cannot really meet real human needs. How does Christianity answer the questions of the empty philosophies of this world?
2. Paul warns against “human tradition.” Pastor said, “Don’t believe something just because it’s been around a long time.” How can we test our traditions to see if they are scriptural and Christ-centered?
3. How much of your idea of Christianity depends on your rules or “Christian culture?”
4. “The deity of Christ is the acid test of false teaching.” Why is this important? What are some groups who deny this truth? Why do you believe that Jesus is the “fullness of deity?”
5. What are some ways we attempt to find “completion” outside of Christ? How would believing and meditating on the truth that we are “complete in Him” (vs.10) affect your life this week?