

Questions on Colossians chapter 2

1. How could Paul have conflict or strive for the Colossians when he was not with them? For what others besides the Colossians did Paul strive? Verse 1.

2. What does Paul desire for their hearts? In what were they to be knit together? What does he want them to know? What is the mystery, according to the American Standard Version? Verse 2.

3. Who does “whom” in this verse refer to? How would this verse relate to the Gnostics who claimed to have hidden knowledge? Verse 3.

4. Why did Paul speak as he did about his strivings or conflict? Verse 4.

5. In what way was Paul with them and what two things about them did Paul behold with joy? Verse 5.

6. How are we to walk in Christ? Verse 6.

7. What image is suggested by the terms “rooted” and “built up”? What caused them to be rooted, built up, and established? In what are we to abound? Verse 7.

8. What two things are philosophy and vain deceit said to be after? What are the rudiments of the world? Verse 8.

9. What does Godhead mean? How does the fullness of the Godhead dwell in Christ and how does this apply to Gnostic doctrine? Verse 9.

10. Where are we made full or complete? Of what is Christ made head of (besides the church)? What is principality and power? Verse 10.

11. What sort of circumcision do Christians have? What is put off in the circumcision made without hands? Verse 11.

12. In what act is our circumcision done? What is accomplished through our faith when we are baptized? Verse 12.

13. What two things caused us to be dead? What did God do to quicken or make us alive in Christ? Verse 13.

14. What is the handwriting of ordinances? How were they against us? When were they taken away? Verse 14.

15. What did Christ spoil (or despoil)? What is the “it” in which Christ triumphed over the principalities and powers? Verse 15.

16. About what are we to let no man judge us? What religion emphasized the things mentioned in this verse? What are new moons? What are sabbaths? Verse 16.

17. What was the reality behind the shadows of the rituals mentioned in the previous verse? Verse 17.

18. What is voluntary humility? How could worshipping angels beguile us of our reward? What is the mental attitude of those who worship angels and such things? Verse 18.

19. What happens to the body (the church) when it is knit together and nourished by the Head (Christ) which is held fast? Verse 19.

20. From what and when did we die with Christ? What did their being subject to ordinances make it look like they were living in? Verse 20.

21. Are the commands in this verse approved or disapproved? Specifically, what do they forbid? Verse 21.

22. What will happen to all human ordinances? What is their source? Verse 22.

23. What do the ordinances have a show or appearance of? In what three ways do they make a show of wisdom? Verse 23.

24. What is will-worship? Does neglect of the body have any value? Verse 24.