

Sermon Notes for Young People

June 9, 2019 | Col. 2:8-10, "The True Path to Godliness"

I. **Introduction:** What is Paul's final layer of defense here?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Tactics (v. 8)**

1. Captivity

- a. Why must Christians be alert?
- b. How does Paul link *captivity* to Judaism?
- c. What is Christianity simply and fundamentally?

2. Characteristics of Vain Philosophy: How does it differ from the simplicity of Christianity?

- a. According to Human Tradition
- b. According to Elemental Spirits
- c. Not According to Christ

3. **Application:** How easy is it to be lured or enticed away from the simplicity of Christ?

- a. "I can't feel like I've worshiped unless ..."
- b. "I get up set when we don't do _____ in worship"

4. **Application:** False Teaching often appears as logical, reasonable, and compelling; how can we distinguish and guard against False Teaching when it is appealing and attractive?

B. **Fullness (v. 9)**

1. Uninterested: Why should we be uninterested in human traditions, vain philosophies, and 'elemental spirits' to help our spirituality?

2. Who is Christ

- a. How can we know there is no hierarchy of divine spirits/emanations flowing to God?
- b. **Application:** Where do we see God's commitment to Creation?

C. **Filled (v. 10)**

1. In Him

- a. How do false religions offer access to God?
- b. Where is access to God found in Christianity?
- c. What is it to be filled with Christ's fullness?
- d. **Application:** What are some alternatives to Christ where *you* seek fullness or satisfaction?

2. The Head Over All

- a. What is lacking in 'the Jesus' of false religions?
- b. Why do we keep our Bibles open in worship?

III. **Questions** for my Parents or the Pastor: