

SMALL GROUPS, WEEK OF SEPT. 14

UNCOMMON PEOPLE—*Colossians 1:1-2*

The theme of this letter: ***The Supremacy and the Sufficiency of Christ***

1. This letter from Paul addresses some serious questions. For example,
 - Are all religions valid?
 - Is Jesus the Son of God?
 - Is the Incarnation true?
 - How can a person have genuine peace?

What are some other questions people are asking today?

2. The Colossian church faced a problem—false teaching such as:
Gnosticism—the Gnostics were the “all-knowing ones.” They believed Jesus only “appeared to be human.” Gnostics viewed themselves as “superior people.” Ever meet anybody like this?

Legalism—works righteousness (saved by your works)

Worship of stars and planets

How would the above be problematic for true believers?

3. Paul describes himself as “an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God.”
What does this tell you about how Paul became an apostle?
See Acts 9:1-19

4. Paul took a customary greeting and made it distinctly Christian. “Grace to you and peace from God our Father” v. 2
How do the two (“grace” and “peace”) relate to each other?
Why are these significant?

5. In v. 2, how are the Christians, the recipients of the letter, described? There are three **spiritual** descriptions. Please comment on each one.