

“Stay Alive and Alert”

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Colossians 2:4-7

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Introduction:

- A. One of the scariest things about young children is that they are _____ and _____.
- B. Young children don't know how to protect themselves from _____.
- C. One of the primary reasons that Paul wrote to the Colossians was to _____ the young Christians from the spiritual _____ that faced them.

I. Keep Making _____ (Col. 2:4-7)

- A. In many respects, if a person is not _____ in Christ, then they are _____ in Christ.
- B. In verses 6 & 7, Paul used several _____ to describe what spiritual progress looks like.
- C. The first picture is to continue to “_____ in Him” or “_____ in Him” and pictures a person _____ on a _____ with God.
- D. The second picture is being “_____ in Him” and is an agricultural illustration that speaks to the importance of _____.
- E. The third picture is being “_____ up in Him” and is an architectural picture of building on a firm _____.
- F. The fourth picture is being “established in the faith as you were _____” and is a picture of _____ and the power that comes through learning.
- G. The final picture is “_____ with gratitude” and is a picture of a _____ its banks.

II. Watch Out for Spiritual _____ (Col. 2:8-10)

- A. The primary peril that was threatening the Colossians was the influence of the _____.
- B. The best defense we have against false teachers and false teaching is to be grounded in the _____ of our faith in Christ and the _____ of God's Word.
- C. The false teachers and their teachings were focused on the _____.
- D. Paul taught that the _____ of God is in Christ and we are _____ with Him.
- E. The opponents of Christianity today try to tear down our _____ in _____.
- F. Those who fill themselves only with _____, remain _____.

III. Draw Upon Your Spiritual _____ (Col. 2:11-15)

- A. Jesus has provided the _____ to every _____ we faced.
- B. We were _____ in our _____.
- C. We had the _____ that stood against us.
- D. We had a _____ that had power over us.
- E. Are we drawing upon our spiritual _____ in _____?

Conclusion:

- A. Everything we _____ is found in _____.
- B. African song includes these words: Jesus Christ is the _____. By His resurrection He overcame death itself. By His resurrection He overcame all things...When we are with Him, we also conquer.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Naïve, uninhibited. B. danger. C. protect, dangers. I. Spiritual, Progress.