

Colossians 2:6-15

Combating Heresy

Farm to Table: The key to the best nutrition

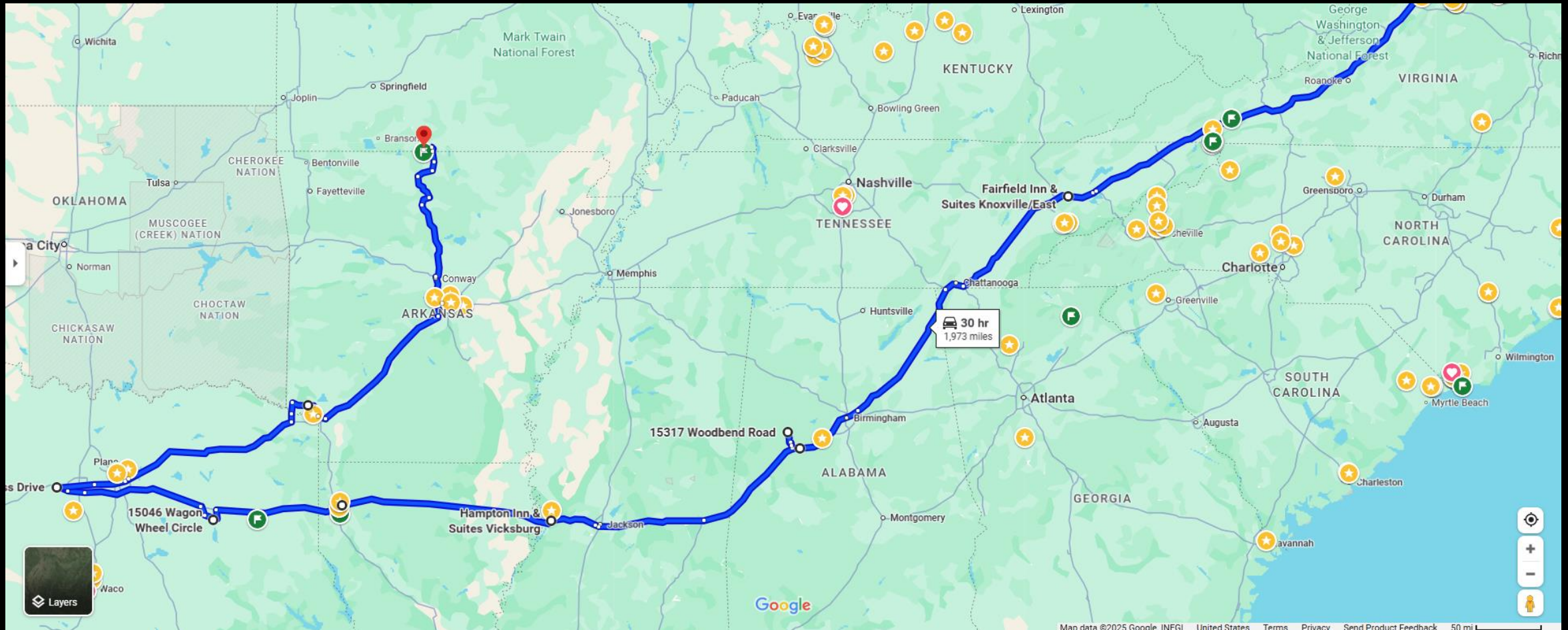
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What I learned recently about Combating Heresy:

-Farm to Table-

-Whole foods without unnecessary additives or processing-

Let me share briefly how my recent trip inspired this topic.





Sunsets on Lake Tuscaloosa, Alabama
One of many examples of God's "uncorrupted" craftsmanship



ON MARCH 2, 1836
TEXAS DECLARED
HER INDEPENDENCE
FROM MEXICO. WILD
COMANCHES ROAMED
THE PLAINS. RANGERS
PROTECTED FRONTIER
SETTLEMENTS. AND
THIS BUILDING WAS
NOT HERE YET.



And then there is Texas !

Sunrise on Bull Shoals Lake, Missouri Ozarks
The Divine Artist at work!



Lamentations 3:22–23 (ESV)

22 The steadfast love of the LORD
never ceases; his **mercies** never come
to an end;

23 they **are new every morning**;
great is your faithfulness.



*Mankind cannot add anything better
to the picture that God paints*



But mankind can enjoy His creation!



Lets take a 90 Second Segway toward today's passage

Dr. Tom Constable's 13 Assertions about Christ in Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God (v. 15).

He is the first-born of creation (v. 15).

He is the originator of creation (v. 16).

He is the agent of creation (v. 16).

He is the goal of creation (v. 16).

He is the antecedent of creation (v. 17).

He is the sustainer of creation (v. 17).

He is the head of the church (v. 18).

He is the first-born from the dead (v. 18).

He is the preeminent One (v. 18).

He is the fullness of God (v. 19).

He is the reconciler of all things to Himself (v. 20).

He is the maker of peace (v. 20).

Synopsis so far . . .

After boldly declaring the preeminence of Christ, and describing his own burden of prayer for the Colossians, Paul describes in Col. 1:21 – 2:5 his calling and ministry from Christ. Then he begins to address the issue of heresy. *The Colossians were allowing others to corrupt their faith in Christ by persuading them that they needed special additional knowledge or that they needed to do something to add to their faith in Christ to be complete.*

Then, Paul, in Col. 2:6,7 begins with the consequential use of "Therefore" – which simply means – *in view of the preeminence of Christ and the Colossians' acceptance of His completed work on their behalf, they have already obtained all that one needs for life and service that honors Christ!*

- Paul then summarizes his exhortation in the next two verses 2:6-7 with the strong encouragement to walk, (in union with and conformity to) Christ, and be rooted, be built up, and be established in the faith as they were taught! All the while growing an attitude of thanksgiving!

Now, let's look at today's passages!

Combating Heresy (Step 1)

Practicing what we believe and were taught
Colossians 2:6–7 (ESV)

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Let's describe what we think '*walking in Him*' might look like!

Now describe what '*rooted and built up in him and established in the faith*' might look like!

What do you think '*abounding in thanksgiving*' should look like?

In what ways is practicing these exhortations important?

Combating Heresy (Step 1)

Practicing what we believe and were taught

Colossians 2:6–7 (ESV)

Dr. Tom Constable correlated this passage this way:

The Christian's Walk

"Walk ... worthy of the Lord" (1:10)

Bearing fruit (1:10)

Growing like a tree (1:10)

Gaining strength (1:11)

Giving thanks (1:12)

"Walk in Him" (2:6)

Firmly rooted (2:7)

Being built up (2:7)

Established (2:7)

Giving thanks (2:7)

Combating Heresy (Step 2)

Heeding Admonition

Colossians 2:8-15 (ESV)

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

How would you describe being taken 'captive by philosophy and empty deceit'?

*“Here philosophy refers to the speculations and ideas of people that are not rooted in divine revelation. These ideas come down from generation to generation by merely human tradition rather than divine revelation.”**

Describe some speculations that could corrupt one's faith today!
How would you describe the 'elemental spirits of the world' today?

*Tom Constable, (Galaxie Software, 2003), Col 2:8.
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Combating Heresy (Step 2)

Paul's Rebuttal: Remember Christ's completed work

Because of Him, you are alive in Him and with Him, and all record of debt is cancelled

Colossians 2:9–15 (ESV)

Reasons to abandon false teaching:

⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. (*Col.1:19; Jn.1:14; Eph.3:19;1:21-22*)

¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,
(*Rom.2:29; Jer.31:31-34; Ezk.36:26-27*)

i.e. we have been spiritually circumcised thus yielding new hearts and attitudes.

¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.
(*Rom.6:4-5; 1 Cor.6:14*)

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,
(*Eph.2:1,5*)

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¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (*Ps. 51:1, 9; Isa. 44:22; Ep. 2:14–16*)

¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. (*Jno. 12:32*)

Evil meant him death but His resurrection brought triumph!

Combating Heresy (Step 3)

Uncovering Heresy:

Assignments in Application

Using Col. 2:8 from the Amplified Bible as a guide:

List some of today's popular beliefs, ideas, philosophies, trends, rules, and even some laws that are heretical and thus contrary to what we believe God has revealed in the Bible?

In what ways might I be susceptible toward embracing any of those listed?

Colossians 2:8 (AMP)

⁸ See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (*idle fancies and plain nonsense*), following human tradition (*men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world*), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [*the teachings of*] Christ (*the Messiah*).