

## “WE CAN DO HARD THINGS!”

There has been a whole lot of love and support coming from Paul, Timothy, and Epaphras to the church at Colossae. This morning, their faith walk is about to be put to the test. Just like today, they experienced a constant attack from the enemy aimed at disrupting, destroying, and killing the church. We will look at the four tactics that the enemy used and the three responses that Paul gives the church to stand strong.

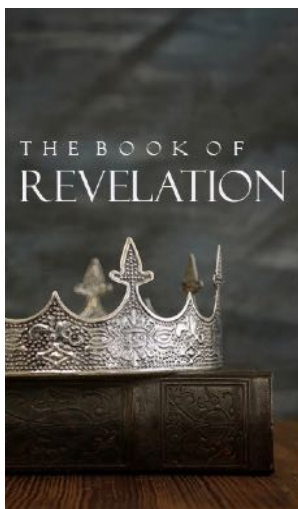
While this is a difficult section of Scripture to study, understand, and apply, I believe that God is going to use this text TODAY to equip us for the enemy's attacks. There is a tongue in cheek statement that gets used a lot in our generation: “We can do hard things.” I am praying that this will be true today. May the Lord help us grasp the truth of this text, and understand it so clearly that we can apply it to our lives immediately.

I highly encourage you to spend some time working through the reflection questions on the back of your sermon notes. Digging into this text is what our syllabus encourages us to do as we grow in knowledge and abound in thanksgiving.

*Pastor Mark*

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"The theme of the **book of Revelation** could be described as the majesty and glory of the Warrior Lamb, King Jesus, who is coming again to rule and reign forever." (Aiken, Daniel L.) More specifically, "He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found." (Joy to the World). Our study is scheduled for 13 weeks beginning on **Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. It will be led by Cecil Beach. There are about 12 citations from Daniel and Ezekiel in the first two chapters, so these lessons will expand our spring study on the book of Daniel.



***Experiencing God*** is a time-tested Bible study that guides you to experience the kind of relationship with God through which you come to know and do His will. In this study, you will explore seven realities or biblical truths that will change your life. ***Experiencing God*** is a 13-week Bible study that **begins on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm in Room 105**.

The cost of the course study guide is \$15. [Please sign up in the Foyer this morning.](#)



We will begin a ***GriefShare*** group on **Wednesday, August 20th at 6 pm in Room 101**. All other sessions begin at 6:30 pm. The cost of the 13-week class and Participant Workbook is \$20. [Please sign up in the Foyer this morning!](#)

If you're grieving over the death of a family member or close friend, you can find help at ***GriefShare***. Each week ***GriefShare*** groups begin with a video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss, which will help you walk through the grief process.

**TODAY! CHURCHWIDE PRAYER - 6 pm**

**MEN'S PRAYER**

**Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room**

**upcoming  
& events**  
discipleship  
opportunities

**MEN'S WEEKLY GOLF OUTING - SANLAN GOLF COURSE**

**Thursdays, 9 am –Text Darrel Rusnell if interested. (210-643-5537)**

**COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY: NATURE AND FORM OF SCRIPTURE**

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

**EMBRACE MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS-HEAVEN BY JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD**

**Tuesday, August 12th, 10 am in Room 101-[Sign up at the Welcome Desk.](#)**

**ARISE2READ INTEREST MEETING FOR NEW AND EXISTING VOLUNTEERS**

**Sunday, August 17th, 11:45 am Room 105. [Sign up at the Welcome Desk.](#)**

**FAMILY SUPPER BEGINS, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH FROM 5-6 PM**

**GRIEFSHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY**

**Begins Wednesday, August 20th at 6 pm. [Sign up at the Welcome Desk.](#)**

**EXPERIENCING GOD BIBLE STUDY**

**Begins Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm. [Sign up at the Welcome Desk.](#)**

**AWANA MINISTRY BEGINS**

**Wednesday, August 20th, 6:30 pm**

**WOW SPLASH DAY**

**Friday, August 22nd, 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

**A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION WITH CECIL BEACH**

**Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

**WOW - A MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN**

**Friday, August 29th, 9 am - 11 am in the Fellowship Hall**

# NEW FALL EVENTS

## WOW AND EMBRACE MINISTRY *NEW STUDIES*



**WHEN FAITH BECOMES SIGHT**

We are so excited to present the new Jennifer Rothschild Bible study in both WOW and Embrace Ministries this fall!

**EMBRACE WIDOW MINISTRY** begins on **Tuesday, August 12th** at 10 am in Room 101. Cost for a study guide is \$20. Please Sign up at the **Welcome Desk**.

**WOW MINISTRY** begins on **Friday, August 29th** 9 am - 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a ministry for young moms and their children. Childcare from Nursery - 5th grade. Please sign up at the **Welcome Desk**.

## WORSHIP ENSEMBLES TO BEGIN REHEARSALS

Our **group** music ensembles start up again this month. These groups practice weekly and lead in the 10:30 am service approximately monthly. We would love to have new people join us! Talk to Brad about joining! ([bradweishaupt@ardellabaptist.com](mailto:bradweishaupt@ardellabaptist.com)).



- ◆ Choir resumes **Sunday, Aug 17** at 4:30, in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited!
- ◆ Handbells resume **Tuesdays, Aug 19**, subs needed!
- ◆ Orchestra resumes **Thursday, Aug 21** at 6:00pm- Please see Brad or email him if interested.
- ◆ We also could use people to work in tech or play guitar, bass guitar, drums, electric guitar, keyboard, trumpet, clarinet, oboe, strings, or other instruments! All serve on a rotation basis. Please see Brad.

## Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	52,362.70
Missions	1,083.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,445.70</b>

# MENTOR ME: WEEK SIX

August 10, 2025 Colossians 2:8-23

## sermon notes

### Regarding False Teaching

The goal of false teaching is:

To **deceive** you. (2:4)

To **spoil** you. (2:8)

To **judge** you. (2:16)

To **disqualify** you. (2:18)

My response to false teaching is that:

I am **complete** in Christ. (2:8-9)

I am **alive** in Christ. (2:13-15)

I am **growing** in Christ. (2:17-19)



## reflection

own it. live it. teach it.

How did the serpent **delude** in **Genesis 3:1**?

What did satan use as a **delusion tool** in **Matt. 4:5-6**?

What does **Jesus' response** in **Matt. 4:7** teach us?

What **five things** does the enemy use to **take captive** according to **Colossians 2:8**?

Describe how we are **complete in Christ** according to **Colossians 2:8-10**.

Describe how God has **forgiven us of all of our trespasses** according to **Colossians 2:14**?

How does **Colossians 2:15 comfort** believers who are **fearful** of the enemy's power?

According to **Colossians 2:12-13**, how was I **dead** and how was I **made alive**?

What does **Colossians 2:16-17** say about **legalism**?

What does **Colossians 2:18-23** say about **prideful spirituality**?