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Colossians 2 (Continued)

Colossians 2:3-4

Would you say that you rely on God's wisdom and Word, rather than the world's values to guide you?

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No Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally

Do you consider the faith of others always in your keeping?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally

Is there any area of your life in which you might believe (or have bought into) a well-crafted argument?

Colossians 2:5-7

Are you following *hard* after God?

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No Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally

If so, how? If not, what practical behavior can you start or stop to *more fully follow hard* after God *this week*?

Colossians 2:8 (through 23): "Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, ***rather than from Christ.***"

Barclay's Commentary: "*False teachers...wanted the Colossians to accept what can only be called additions to Christ. They were teaching that Jesus Christ was not sufficient, that He was not unique... that they needed to be taught additional philosophies, to worship elements of the universe, be imposed with circumcision, and to worship angels. . . Paul warned that false teachers would carry you off as spoil, like slave-dealers carrying away the people into slavery.*"

Paul (and Jesus) referred to the Old Testament and the words of the psalmists and prophets to warn, teach, and speak to a stubborn people about the living, loving God. What stands out?

Response:

Go to the crosses during the worship/response time (as an individual or with your family) for prayer, anointing, kneeling in confession, or communion.

References: Ephesians 4:17-31; Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (The Shema), Jeremiah 6-7, Psalm 78:1-8.