

## **Scripture:**

Colossians 2:8-15

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. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 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, 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. 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, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

## **Notes:**

The Emptiness Apart from Christ

- Be on guard

2 Corinthians 10:5, We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...

The Emptiness Apart from Christ

- Be on guard
- Hollow and deceptive philosophy
- Tradition over truth
- Spirits over Savior
- Dead and unchanged

The Fullness in Christ

- "For" ...because, since, etc.
- Whole Fullness of Deity
- You've been given Fullness in Christ
- Christ is sufficient
- All things are complete

THIS WEEK...

1. Question — where do you go for guidance apart from Christ?
2. Filter — sift philosophies, fads, solutions, and traditions through Christ (the Gospel, God's Word).
3. Celebrate — remember you were dead but God made you alive, He forgave you, He cancelled debt, and defeated opposition.
4. Give — all this was done IN Christ, so give yourself fully to Him.