

Accept No Substitutes

Christ, Our Truth

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word “philosophy”?
2. What is the difference between true and false philosophy?
List at least three marks of false philosophy found in verse 8.
3. What is the single mark of true philosophy (“wisdom”) mentioned in verse 8?
4. Why was it important for Paul to emphasize Jesus’ deity?
What did the Gnostics and false teachers believe?
5. Discuss some competing or cheating philosophies that battle Christians today.
6. Think of some ways in which believers are “complete” in Jesus.

Colossians 2:8-10 ⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

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Monday

God wants us to discern and avoid false spiritual teaching. Think of some modern-day false teachings Christians should steer clear of (e.g., evolution).

Tuesday

If true wisdom (philosophy) is found only in Christ, how can we thoroughly prepare ourselves for encounters with deceptive false ideas? List some specific, reachable goals to equip believers.

Wednesday

How do you handle false religious teachers on the television? How about those at your door?

Thursday

Jesus is the truth that keeps us from falsehood. What do some of the Christian cults believe about Jesus? What does God's Word teach us about the deity of Christ?

Friday

Give thanks to God for Jesus, in a new and fresh way, for making you complete in Him!

Saturday

"You, LORD, are the Truth, our completeness, our God... Thank You."
