

Jesus Christ— Accept No Substitutes!

1. What was the major reason Paul wrote this letter to the believers in Colosse?
2. What is the primary error in all Christian cults, and do you think this was an issue with the Colossians? If a cult member approached you about spiritual truths, what is the first question you might ask them to determine their “spiritual compass”?
3. Why is the deity of Christ an important doctrine for Christians to grasp ?
4. Colossians emphasizes that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. Discuss what “Head of the Church” might mean.
5. Colossians is all about Jesus being “enough.” According to this book, we are “complete in Christ.” How are Christians made complete through Christ? What do we have to “internalize” before we experience His sufficiency?
6. What was Paul’s relationship to Timothy (v. 1)? (See also 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Acts 16:1-3; Philippians 2:19-23.) How can we have Timothy-/Paul-like relationships in our church?
7. How did Paul describe the Colossians (v. 2)?

Colossians 1: 1, 2

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* in Colosse: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Monday

When a cult member approaches you, will you now know what to first ask them? What is it? What Scriptures would you use to reinforce the truth of Jesus' deity? (Suggestion: Write these verses in the front of your Bible.)

Tuesday

Do you have a regular time to study Biblical truths so as to not be led astray by heresy? If not, do you see the importance of this study? What can you do to address this need?

Wednesday

Colossians is all about Jesus being "enough." Do you find that Jesus Christ satisfies your deepest needs? If not, why not? How can you consciously rely on Him more on a day to day basis?

Thursday

For Jesus to be our "Head," we must let Him lead. How are you doing with that? What makes it difficult for you to give Him free reign in your life?

Friday

The Colossians were sincere but somewhat immature and surrounded by strong heretical influences. Our society is likewise confused about spiritual issues. What can you do, in your own small way, to make a mark for Christ in the lives of those "without"? How can your ministry at Blair Ridge affect those "within" the church body?

Saturday

"LORD, You are more than I need to be complete in every area of life. Forgive me when I fail to realize that. Help me continue to learn from Your Word and love others into Your kingdom."