



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course Acts to Revelation Lesson 37

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Read Colossians 2

Because Paul is concerned about the supremacy of Christ, he follows his description of Christ in chapter one with warnings about false teachings that dishonored and insulted Christ. These teachings were a mixture of Jewish, heathen and Christian ideas.

1. Paul notes that in Christ is hid all the _____ of wisdom and knowledge. As each person has received Christ Jesus the _____, so _____ ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and established in the _____ (Col. 2: 3,6,7) Many so-called Christians like Jesus as a Savior, but don't want him as Lord of their life. This text locks the two (Savior and Lord) together – you can't have the one without the other.
2. The false teachings are called "philosophy and vain _____, after the _____ of men, after the rudiments of the _____ and not after Christ (v. 8). This means they are human ideas and speculation.
3. The first false teaching involves ceremonialism – insistence upon keeping the Jewish ceremonial laws and assuming that salvation is not complete in Christ. Paul notes that: the soul who is dead in sins is _____

_____ together with Him (Christ) by forgiveness. These sins become like a handwriting of _____

A note about baptism:

In Colossians 2:11-12, you have one of the few places that circumcision and baptism are in the same sentence. The comparison is clear, for the one (baptism, bloodless) takes the place of the other (circumcision, bloody). Paul here gives what baptism teaches, _____ with Christ in baptism, and risen with Him through _____ of the _____ of God. This going under in immersion type baptism shows a dying with Christ, but being raised out of the water is the resurrection with Christ by the power and Spirit of God.

written against us, but Christ takes this writing and _____ it to his cross and conquers, triumphing over Satan and spoiling all the _____ and powers. (Col. 2: 13-15) “Spoil” means: to plunder, to rob of goods.

4. Paul warns the Colossians (2:16, 21) how quickly our religion can become legalistic (a focus on externals) such as respecting a holy day or a new _____, or sabbath days (other days set apart). Or we can show in our moderation of _____ not; taste not; _____ not.
5. Gnosticism or oriental mysticism also loomed as a large cloud over this church. They believed that if you denied yourself some of these bodily comforts and dainties, you would be given the “secrets of salvation” (clearly a works religion). Sometimes the denial of self has the _____ or appearance of wisdom (v. 23) that consists of a type of worship and false humility through a severe treatment of the body. It may be outwardly impressive, but cannot stop the internal sin. So, how can all this false teaching be resisted?
6. If we are risen with Christ (dying with Him first), we will _____ on the things above, not on _____ things. “Affections” means: good will, love.

Read Colossians 3

To explain this in detail, the Colossians are called to **mortify** their members or break off with old vices and then Paul list a number of sins of the flesh (3:5-9). The first set contains sensual things that harm the

sinner himself and the second set those that harm other people. Match the sin with what it means:

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| _____ 7. Taking God’s name in vain | a.Fornication |
| _____ 8. A strong feeling of displeasure | b.Uncleanness |
| _____ 9. Not telling the truth | c.Inordinate affection |
| _____ 10. Spiteful words or actions, vindictive | d.Evil Concupiscence |
| _____ 11. Swearing, obscene or perverted talk | e.Covetousness |
| _____ 12. Sexual relations between unmarried individuals | f.Anger |
| _____ 13. Yearn to have something that is not yours | g.Wrath |
| _____ 14. Strong anger often with desire for revenge | h.Malice |

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| _____ 15. Wrong and powerful feelings of physical desire | i. Blasphemy |
| _____ 16. Inappropriate passion | j. Lying |
| _____ 17. Morally or spiritually impure in thoughts,
words or lifestyle | k. Filthy
Communication |

18. The first five words deal with sexuality. It is as if this is written for our time. We clearly see that there is “nothing new under the sun.” These things Christians are told to mortify. “Mortify” means: to discipline, humiliate, put to death. If these things are not mortified, they will bring _____ (3:6)
19. The _____ man is to be put off with his deeds and Christians are to put on the _____ man, which is renewed in _____ after the _____ of God his Creator. When God give this, Christ is all, and in _____ (Col. 3: 9-11).
20. After speaking of what the Christian should put off, Paul speaks what should be put on (3:12-15): bowels of _____ (considered the seat of the emotions), kindness, _____ of mind, meekness, _____, forbearing one another, and _____ one another. But most of all the Christian is to put on _____, which is the bond of perfectness. The _____ of God is to rule in our hearts, and we are to be _____.
21. The word of Christ is to dwell (stay) in the Christian. How are they to speak with one another? Paul gives the answer, “Teaching and admonishing one another in _____ and hymns and spiritual songs.”
22. Now in family and domestic life, these principles should be there for God’s glory and a peaceable and well functioning home: (Col. 3: 18-25)
- Wives are to _____ to their own husbands.
 - Husbands are called to _____ their wives and be not _____ against them.
 - Children are to be _____ to their parents – this is well-pleasing to the Lord.
 - Fathers are not to _____ their children to anger, lest they be _____.

- e. Servants are to obey their _____ in all things
(from the heart, not just when they are looking).
- f. Whatever we do, we are to do it _____ as unto
the Lord, and not unto men.

Evaluator: _____

Meditation: *“Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord.”*

Col. 3:17

I have sometimes thought, how is it possible that a believer in Christ can ever willfully and deliberately sin? It is hardly to be conceived that such can live and walk under the power of sin: all sin is as contrary to the nature of the sanctified soul as heaven to hell; yet nothing is more plain from the word of God and the experience of His saints, than that sin dwells in them; but they are solemnly forbid to let it “reign in them, that they should obey it in the lusts thereof.” Romans 6:12. And if our souls are not striving against sin and pressing after holiness, I know not where to find one text in the word of God to encourage us to believe and hope that we are the children of God. I dread not the frown of licentious antinomians; do they pronounce this LEGAL? It only proclaims their unregenerate enmity against His grace and His glory.

Ye believers in and lovers of the Lord Jesus, here’s a short but most blessed and comprehensive rule for your walk and conduct. Does Satan tempt, the world allure, and the flesh entice? Gratify them if ye can – only see that you do it according to this apostolic rule: yea, go to plays, take your fill of earthly pleasures and sensual delights, and mix with the wicked and profane, only see that you do all this, as here commanded, *“in the name of the Lord Jesus!”* Does your heart recoil? It must, if the name of the Lord Jesus is music to your ears and the joy of your soul: you can no more take delight in these things than in the music of hell.

O the matchless charms of that precious name! Lord, never, never suffer them to fade in our hearts; Thy name and the pleasures of sense: it charms our souls into the presence of God, fellowship with Him, and into the joys of heaven: right welcome are we to God, fully reconciled to Him, and perfectly accepted with Him, in the precious name of the Lord Jesus. O my dear, dear Saviour, it is Thy precious name my heart would now indite. O for the pen of a ready writer to display the glories of Thy precious name, my King and my Lord; may the readers of these meditations find the odour of Thy name in them, “as ointment poured forth, that they may love Thee.” Song of Solomon 1:3. To us sinners, “the name of Jesus is above every name.” Philippians 2:9

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