

Questions to Consider—Lesson 8—Colossians 2:1-7—Requests and Recommendations for Those Caught up in Heresy

1. (a) Read Colossians chapter two. From your reading and without referring to other helps, jot down the heresies Paul mentions in this chapter, of which the Colossian believers were in danger? (b) What is Paul's attitude about this?

2. Memorize Colossians 2:6.

3. (a) Locate the city of Laodicea on a map (online, or in a bible atlas or study Bible.) It probably can be found in the back of your Bible). (b) How far is Laodicea from Colossae? (c) Why do you think Paul is concerned for Laodicea? (See Colossians 4:13-16 for some hints.)

4. (a) In Colossians 2:4, how does Paul define the Gnostics' speech? (b) How does that compare to what Paul says about his own speech in 1 Corinthians 2:1-8? (c) What other warnings do you see, in 1 Corinthians chapter 2, about man's wisdom? (d) What does this teach you about listening to the words of men?

5. (a) What do false teachers look like, according to 2 Corinthians 11:13-15? (b) What do they desire to do to the saints according to Ephesians 4:14-15 and 5:6-7? (c) As believers, what should our response to false teachers, according to these scriptures, as well as Titus 3:9-10?

6. (a) According to Psalm 1:3; 92:12-13, Isaiah 61:3 and Jeremiah 17:8 why is it important that we as believers be firmly rooted and grounded in the faith? (b) According to Jude 1:8-13, what is going to happen to those who have not been rooted and grounded in the faith and have, instead, fallen into error?

7. (a) Have you grown in your knowledge of Christ? (b) What have you learned about Him specifically this past year?

8. (a) If a false teacher was trying to entice you, what would you do? (b) How can you train your children, grandchildren or those you are mentoring to be on the alert for false teachers? (c) What advice would you give them?

9. Does your heart ache for someone you know who is caught up in erroneous teaching? Turn your pain for them into a prayer request for them. (Please be discreet in sharing).