

Bible Study Colossians

Chapter 2

Questions for Consideration

1. The author of Colossians begins chapter 2 with these words; "For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face." What "struggle" do you think Paul is referring to? Is it his imprisonment? His concern that he is not there in person to challenge the false teachers? What do you hear in these words?
2. What is the relationship between Truth and Mystery in chapter 2?
3. This is a difficult thing to talk about, but what is your understanding of Paul's emphasis on "spiritual circumcision"? Recognize the fact that Paul was speaking to a predominately Jewish audience and also a male audience.
4. How does being buried with Christ in holy Baptism, "disarm the rulers and authorities and bring triumph over them?"
5. Although Paul seems to suggest that all the laws and regulations are not necessary to live a life of faith, he still seems to imply that living faithfully will lead us to living honorably. How do we balance these two seemingly opposing thoughts? What is the difference between Vss. 23, "self-indulgent" checks on moral living and living in the "resurrected life" of Christ?

I hope these questions will lead you to pull your hair out and also question deeply what a life of faith in the grace of God looks like. Enjoy!