

“Saints Alert: Saints Alive”

Colossians 2:1-15

How do believers avoid false teaching and other distractions that threaten to pull us off course and shipwreck our faith?

Paul’s 3 Key Admonitions:

Keep Making Spiritual Progress

- A. Keep moving forward in knowledge, understanding, and wisdom
- B. How do we move forward?
 - 1. Like a Soldier- with discipline, obedience, and unity
 - 2. Like a Pilgrim- walking by faith
 - 3. Like a Tree- maintaining our roots
 - 4. Like a Building- building on the foundation of Christ
 - 5. Like a Student- receiving our instruction from the Word
 - 6. Like a River- overflowing with gratitude

Beware of Spiritual Perils

- A. Hallow Philosophy is:
 - 1. Dependent on the traditions of men
(flip over)

- 2. Dependent on Stars and Heavenly Bodies
- 3. NOT dependent on Christ

B. How do we guard against hallow philosophy?
By making Christ the center!

Use Your Spiritual Provisions

- A. The provision is the knowledge that...
 - 1. We are Complete in Him
 - 2. We are Alive in Him
 - 3. We have Victory in Him