

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Inspired Letters from Prison. Today's topic from Colossians: COMPLETE IN CHRIST

**1) An inspired message for all believers**

- a. Colossians 2:1 Who were the intended recipients of the Apostle Paul's inspired letter from prison to Christians in Colossae?
- b. What positive outcome did the Apostle Paul desire for all who would read this letter? Colossians 2:2
- c. Colossians 2:3 Why did the Apostle Paul emphasize that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found in our heavenly Father and Christ? (see also Colossians 2:9-10)
- d. What words of affirmation did the Apostle Paul share with the recipients of this letter? Colossians 2:5
- e. How can we remain steadfast in our faith in Christ?
- f. What positive admonition did the Apostle Paul give to the recipients of this letter? Colossians 2:6-7
- g. What does it mean to walk in Christ Jesus in the same way we received Him as our Savior and Lord?
- h. What is your testimony of receiving Jesus as your personal Savior and learning to walk with Him?

**2) A warning for all believers**

- a. Colossians 2:1a Why was the Apostle Paul experiencing "a great conflict" as he thought about the recipients of this letter? (see Colossians 1:4,8)

- b. Who was trying to deceive them with persuasive words? Revelation 12:9, Genesis 3:4-5
- c. Why is it important to remember that all deceptions have their origin in the Father of Lies? (John 8:44)
- d. What specific deceptions were false teachers bringing to followers of Jesus in Colossae and the surrounding region? Colossians 2:11-23
- e. What was the handwriting of ordinances that was nailed to the cross? (Colossians 12:14)
- f. Why are followers of Jesus no longer obligated to follow the ceremonial laws given to the children of Israel?
- g. How do the ceremonial sabbaths differ from the weekly Sabbath given in Eden and reaffirmed in the fourth commandment? Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11
- h. What rebuke did Jesus give to false teachers who sought to enforce the traditions of men above the commandments of God? Matthew 15:7-9
- i. How can we avoid being led astray by false teachers? Psalm 119:105, Isaiah 8:20, John 7:16-18, 16:13, etc.

