

## Ch 2:6-15. 'Warning and Teaching'

Pastor Don used the phrase 'Warn and Teach' to describe the emphasis of Ch 2:6-15. What is Paul's ultimate reason for warning and teaching (Ch. 1:28)?

1. In 2:5 Paul describes their faith as 'firm' and having 'good order'. What does that mean? Could you express your faith in the same way?
2. Paul rejoices in how they received Christ. Now he urges them to walk in the same way. What are some key points that define 'walking well'? How are you doing with walking in these crucial areas?
3. In 2:6 it's worth noting how Paul refers to Jesus as "Christ, Jesus the Lord". What do each of these titles mean? How do these titles apply to how Paul is exhorting the Colossians? In 2:7 things are about to get technical. Look at the table below:

4 Verbs	Tense	Passive or Active
Rooted	Perfect: past (complete) continuous	Passive
Built up in Him	Present: Ongoing	Passive
Established in Him	Present: Ongoing	Passive
Abounding in thanksgiving	Present: Ongoing	Active

4. What did Pastor Don say was the significance of the different tenses? Why would it be helpful for believers to know that "rooted" is in the perfect tense? What assurance does that give?
5. How can we be intentional about abounding in thanksgiving? Sometimes we like to dwell on our misery and feel entitled to a 'pity party'. How might abounding in thanksgiving be the ultimate 'pity party pooper'?

### Warning and Teaching #1

6. Look at 2:8. What weapons might people use to take the Colossian Christians 'captive'?
7. In 2:9 Paul counteracts the false teaching. He outlines two critical statements about Christ and one about how that relates to us. What are those statements? How would they stop the Colossians from being taken 'captive'?
8. In 2:11 you find the phrase 'putting off the body of flesh'. How did Pastor Don explain that phrase? (Before answering the question, it might be helpful to read the verse in different translations)
9. What were the two ways that this section gets translated? What's the significance of each interpretation?
10. Verses 11-13 describe our identity in Christ. Through him, we who were dead have been buried and then raised to life. What are the implications for our spiritual life?

Read Mark 10:38;

11. How does that passage tie together with Colossians 2:12? What is meant by the use of the word baptize?
12. This passage describes the triumph of the cross. When thinking through the narrative of the cross scene, what ways does it appear that Christ was triumphant? Also, in what ways did it appear that Christ wasn't triumphing? How does this fit together?
13. This passage uses lots of legal language and descriptions to flesh out what it looks like to have our sins forgiven. Share with the group what the experience was like to know the record of debt had been forgiven.