

**A WARNING TO NOT GET TAKEN SPIRITUALLY CAPTIVE  
AVOIDING THREATS TO THE ABSOLUTE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST  
Colossians 2:8**

- I. **Watch Out ...LEST SOMEONE DECEPTIVELY TAKE YOU AWAY FROM CHRIST:** Paul warns the Colossians to not let someone take them captive through philosophy and empty deception rather than Christ (8)
- A. **Be Alert and do not let persuasively deceptive and deceitful people who appear humble and spiritual, take you captive (8a)**
- B. **How will they try to deceive and delude you into spiritual captivity? (8b)**
1. They will do so **through philosophy and empty deception** (in the context of persuasive arguments that delude) (8b, 4)
    - a) Their empty, deceitful philosophy is based on the traditions of man (8b)
    - b) **Their empty, deceitful philosophy** is based on the elementary principles of the world (8b)
  2. **They do so in opposition to genuine daily faith in Christ**, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge: Faith in Him and His truth Start to finish (8b)
- Next week
- II. **Instead...TRUST IN CHRIST, RESTING IN HIS ABSOLUTE SUFFICIENCY ALONE:** Paul reminds the Colossians Who Christ is and who we are in Him (9-15)