- 10. At the time Paul wrote this letter, where was he?
- 11. Did Paul know the recipients of this letter he was writing?
- 12. What did Paul have to establish right at the start of this letter?
- 13. Who was one person who stayed with Paul during his imprisonment?
- 14. Who had discipled, nurtured, and developed Timothy?
- 15. What word does Paul use to unite himself with the Christians at Colossae?
- 16. The word "hagios" or saint means what?
- 17. If you are a Christian, are you a saint?
- 18. The New Testament knows nothing of what kind of saints or Christians?
- 19. What is Paul's favorite way to refer to Christians?
- 20. The key person in starting the church at Colossae was whom?
- 21. How far did Epaphras go to get to Paul?
- 22. Why did Paul write this letter?
- 23. The Greek element to the cult attacking the church in Colossae consisted of a philosophy that attacked what doctrine?
- 24. The Jewish element to the cult attacking the church in Colossae consisted of legalism that attacked what doctrine?
- 25. If you were a Greek living in the time of Paul would you gloat over what you knew or over what you did/didn't do?

- 26. The cult in Colossae didn't deny Christ. It did what to Him?
- 27. What was Paul's goal in writing this letter?
- 28. What is the key phrase in verses 3-8?
- 29. When Paul heard what a great impact the truth of the gospel had made at Colossae, his first response was what?
- 30. The only true God is what God?
- 31. The first truth that makes the gospel unique is what?
- 32. Genuine faith in the Lord Jesus produces what?
- 33. If you are a true believer you finally have the capacity to do what?
- 34. A third unique characteristic about the truth of the gospel is that it has a what?
- 35. In the New Testament, the word, "hope" is what?
- 36. Christianity, by its very nature, is what?
- 37. The Christian life is summed up in the triad of what three things?
- 38. Paul tells us that the gospel is how broad in scope?
- 39. When the gospel takes root in a person's life, it does what?
- 40. Are you one of those who trudge to church every Sunday enduring religion rather than enjoying salvation?
- 41. The truth of the gospel is based on what?

- 42. In the cults, how does a man get salvation?
- 43. Are you involved in spreading truth to others? If not, why not?
- 44. Do you know the truth? Has the truth transformed your life?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- » How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- » How can I accomplish this change?
- » What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## For next time:

- 1) Read Colossians 1:1-14
- 2) When you pray what do you usually pray for? When you pray for other people, what are some things that you ask God for, in relation to those people?
  - 3) Note what Paul prays for in his stated prayer.
- 4) Think of one person you are close to and pray for them using many of things that Paul said he prayed for, for those in Colossae.

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## COLOSSIANS-THE ARGUMENT AGAINST THE CULTS

Colossians 1:1-8 (Series #1)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: "Colossians-The Argument Against The Cults." All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

- When was the letter, "Colossians" written?
  What makes the letter of Colossians so relevant for today?
  What are the three reasons why cults will continue to grow and thrive:

   a. They stress the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for every member.
   b. Their members are very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the giving of their \_\_\_\_\_\_ and money.
   c. They meet people's \_\_\_\_\_\_.

  Those three elements are missing in many what?
  What is the one thing cults do not have?
- 6. The first (of 2) characteristic of cults is that they have abandoned what?
- 7. When "push comes to shove" what will cults do with the Bible?
- 8. What is a second mark of every cult?
- 9. Where in Scripture do we find specific statements saying that this (false teaching with cults) would happen?
- \*\*To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.