



Don't Believe the Lies

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TODAY'S READING: Colossians 2

I want us to focus on two verses in Colossians 2: *"I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments"* (Colossians 2:4) and *"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ"* (Colossians 2:8). Paul is writing to the church at Colossae to address the lies and false teaching that were being believed by some of the church. Remember, Paul is writing to people who are supposed to be confessing Christians, and yet some of them are being led astray by the world. Paul reminds the church of the doctrine they were first taught when they confessed Christ and believed – that Jesus is fully God and fully man, that Christians are given a new heart, that we are now in Christ (our sins are forgiven and our old self is dead), and that our sinful record of debt was paid for by Christ on the cross (verses 10-15)! If we are not grounded and rooted in the truth of God's Word, we may believe the lies of the world without even realizing it. Sadly, many people believe they are not that sinful, and God is not very holy.

Paul was dealing with the lies of the world then and we must deal with lies today. You have heard arguments like: Doesn't God want me to be happy? Love is love! People should be able to do what they want as long as they aren't hurting anyone. We can't force our morality on anyone. God loves everyone, so a good loving God wouldn't send people to hell. Brothers and sisters, we must view the world through the lens of scripture! God's design for our lives is good because God is good, regardless of what we think or feel about it. The more time you spend learning about who God is and what He has done for you, the easier it is to spot the lies of the enemy.

PRAYER: Father, You are good, and I worship You today. Give me a renewed love for You and Your Word today. Help me refute the lies of the world with love and truth.

TOMORROW'S READING: Colossians 3

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