**Colossians: Chapter Two**

**Don’t be Deceived**

The apostle opens with a warning about being misled by those who bring false teachings. He assures the readers that he is keeping in prayer the church at Colossae and in Laodicea. Paul stresses that Jesus, as head of the church and God himself in person, is their first priority. They should not worry about rituals and rules that have been established by humankind, but instead should focus on Christian love and discipleship.

1. A Prayer for the Churches of Colossae and Laodicea (1-2)
2. In Christ There is Power; Maintain Faith, I am with You In Spirit (3-7)
3. Earthly Rules Don’t Count (8-10)
4. Christ has Conquered All Sin (11-15)
5. Remember, Do Not Be Distracted by Petty Traditions (16-23)

Questions for Study:

1. In introducing this chapter, Paul mentions Laodicea; what might be the reason that he includes this church in his comments?

2. Paul mentions events such as New Moon and Sabbath festivals. How might they be a concern for the church or new converts?

3. There are various false teachings during this era that are recognized today as alternative religions. What would be one such teaching?

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