



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## Maturity in Christ Colossians 2:1-8 LG Questions for 02/08/09

### Getting Started

Describe a time in your life when you saw a need for protection in someone's life that you loved. This person was not necessarily giving in to the danger; rather, they were enduring in spite of the potential danger. Who was the person/s and what was the situation? What were the emotions in you? How did you intervene in their potentially dangerous situation?

### Getting into the Bible

**1) Read Colossians 2:1-3.** What seems to be Paul's emphasis from verse one? (See II Cor. 11:28-29) Was Paul a worthy example to be modeled? (See I Cor. 11:1) Whom in your life do you have this type of concern for? Why? Read Colossians 4:12-13. Epaphras was held up by Paul as a good role model. Whom in your life do you point to as a good role model? Read Colossians 2:2-3. What is being emphasized in these verses? (See Lk. 21:34, Jn. 14:1,27) How do these verses encourage you in your walk?

**2) Read Colossians 2:4-5.** What is the emphasis of verse 4? What are some of the dangerous '*fine sounding arguments*' we are faced with in today's church culture? Read verse 5. What is Paul communicating to this body of believers? Why is encouragement so important within the body of Christ? (See Romans 12:4-5, 8) Who are some people in your life who are fighting the good fight that need your encouragement? What, if anything, has prevented you from giving it?

**3) Read Colossians 2:6-8.** What is the general flow of this passage? List the specific characteristics mentioned in verse 7. In what ways do you model these qualities in your walk? Which of these characteristics do you need improvement in? Why? Read verse 8. In what ways is the church struggling with embracing 'Human traditions' and 'Principals of this world'? How are you personally struggling with this?

Spend time praying for each other's needs that have been talked about in this discussion.