

## SERIES: BE COMPLETE (A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS)

Most of the material for this study is from the book  
"Be Complete"-by Dr. Warren Wiersbe

### INTRODUCTION

#### -THE CITY

One of three cities located about 100 miles inland from Ephesus.

- The church was started as an outgrowth of Paul's three year ministry in Ephesus. (Acts 19; 20:17-38)

#### THE CRISIS

- Heretical teachings
  - .Gnosticism -grk. Means "to know".
  - .Gnostics claimed to be the people who were in the know.
  - They taught that spiritual knowledge was available only to those with superior intellects.

### LESSON ONE -MIRACLES AT COLOSSAE (1:3-8)

#### I. THEY HEARD THE GOSPEL (1:5b-7)

A. THE GOSPEL IS "GOOD NEWS" (v.5)

B. THE GOSPEL IN A PERSON. (v.4)

- It is the word of Truth (v.5)

NOTE: Everybody has faith in something.

- The jungle pagan has faith in a god of stone.
- The educated pagan has faith in the god of money.
- The true Christian has faith in CHRIST.

C. IT IS THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S GRACE (1:6b)

- It is God's favor to an undeserving sinner.
- Salvation is for the whole world (1:6) (John 3:16)

NOTE: If people are saved they must hear the Gospel.

#### II. THEY BELIEVED IN JESUS CHRIST (v.4)

A. YOU CAN HEAR AND NOT BELIEVE.

- It is not faith in faith.
- .There is a "cult" of believism today.

- If you believe you are safe. Believe in what?
- Saving faith involves the mind, the emotion and the will.
    - . With the mind we understand the truth.
    - . With the heart we feel conviction and the need to be saved
    - . It is only when we exercise the will and commit ourselves To Christ that the process is complete.
  - Faith is commitment to Jesus Christ. Faith must be in Jesus Christ.
- They heard the Gospel. They believed in Jesus Christ.

### III. THEY WERE DISCIPLED (1:7)

#### A. Epaphras disciplined them.

- The Great Commission does not stop with Salvation (Matthew 28:18-20)
- .Teach Converts.
  - Follow the teachers teaching.
  - .Disciples of Christ not ourselves

### IV. THEY BECAME FAITHFUL IN CHRIST (vs 6,8)

#### A. The gospel was preached all over the world.

- Seed produced fruit.
- There is life and power in the Word of God!

If you have experienced the miracle of salvation, then keep growing and Being fruitful for the Lord. The same Word that gave you life when you trusted Christ will continue to nourish that life and make you a faithful, fruitful Christian.



