



Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Guided by God's Word

2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17

Discussion Starter (this lesson is being presented on "Super Bowl" Sunday evening)

- A. Share the story of the "worst call" you've ever seen in a ball game (or "one of the worst" if you have a hard time deciding which is the worst).
 - B. What do you find most difficult about reading the Bible?
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From today's lesson (Groups should decide on which passages below to read and study)

Read Colossians 2:6-23

1. What is to be the basis of their faith? How will it be strengthened?
2. What does Paul warn the church at Colosse to guard against?
 - a. What is meant by "hollow and deceptive philosophy"?
 - b. What are "human traditions"?
 - c. What are "basic traditions of this world"?
3. Who is Christ?
 - a. What power and/or position does he have?
 - b. What is the circumcision they have experienced in Christ?
 - c. How does Paul explain this circumcision?
4. When had the Colossian Christians been dead?
 - a. How were they made alive?
 - b. What happened when they were forgiven of their sins?
 - c. How did Jesus overcome that which was opposed to the Colossians?
5. What are the Colossians not to allow anyone to judge them about?
 - a. Where do these rules come from?
 - b. What is the reality?
 - c. What happens when someone becomes disconnected from the head (Christ)?

6. What is the point of Colossians 2:20-21?
 - a. What do these rules appear to be?
 - b. What are they valueless to do?

Group Application

1. Paul encourages Christians to study God's word (2 Timothy 2:15). What can the group do to help you in your study of God's word?
2. Who do we need to pray for this week?