

Session 6: SOLO

Colossians 2 v 8-15—See what God has done

Big idea:

We were dead and God has made us alive. God has triumphed over all sin and death. We have been forgiven, he has done all that was needed—so believe in Christ.

1. Again no right or wrong answers, but it's good to try and be honest—to try and get to the heart of it.
2. Don't be caught/taken in by people who try and teach you a different message than the truth of the gospel of Jesus. Some people may try and deceive us by trying to teaching new ideas—don't believe them!
3. It wouldn't be good. It's usually being held against your will. Restricted and forced to do something you don't want to do. Don't have freedom, might be in trouble or in pain.
4.
 - a) The fullness of the deity lives in Jesus in bodily form. (Jesus was God on earth)
 - b) We have been given fullness in Christ. (We have all we need to know God)
 - c) Christ is the head over all powers and authorities. (Nothing to compares to Jesus)
6. We don't experience a physical cutting. But instead our self ruled by the flesh (our sinful nature) (v 11) is cut off. The things that we do that get in the way of our relationship with God, the things that are not in line with the way that he, as creator of the world, says is the best way to live—are cut off.
7. By Christ. Sin has been cut off—no longer with them. Jesus' death and resurrection mean that our sinful nature has been cut off and we're raised with him, to live for him.
8. Having been *buried* with him...
you were also *raised* with him (v 12).
When you were *dead* in you sins....
God made you *alive* with Christ (v 13).
9. "The written code with its regulations" or "the charge of our legal indebtedness".
This is quite a mouthful (see explanation on page 36). Our list of sins stopped us knowing God, but he has dealt with it.

10. Cancelled our debt, taken away our sin, and nailed it to the cross, so it is dealt with once and for all. And he has shown all powers and authorities that he is the ultimate power. He can beat death and sin. He has made a “public spectacle of them”—he has shown they have no power compared to him!

QUESTIONS: you could ask as you meet to do Session 7 to check understanding of Session 6

1. What is so brilliant about Jesus? (He was fully God, living on earth and is head of everything.)
2. What has Jesus achieved for us? (Our sinful nature, the record of our sin, is cut off, the debt is paid—he has shown that he has beaten all powers and authorities.)
3. When we’re tempted to believe that there’s something better than Jesus, what should we remember? (He is all powerful, he has triumphed over all powers and authorities, he has paid our debts.)