

## **SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

**Theme: "Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You" Colossians 3:16**

### **SESSION 3**

#### **K. CHALLENGES TO THE FAITH**

##### **Colossians 2:1-23**

1. The danger of deception  
Through persuasive words  
Colossians 2:4
2. The danger of the tradition of men  
Colossians 2:8 (Cf. Mark 7:1-23)
  - a) Philosophy
  - b) Empty deceit
  - c) Tradition of men
  - d) Basic principles of the world
  - e) Not according to Christ
3. The danger of succumbing to the judgments of men  
Colossians 2:16-17
  - a) Food and drink
  - b) Festival
  - c) New moon
  - d) Sabbaths
  - e) These are but shadows
4. The danger of losing the reward of God  
Colossians 2:18-19
  - a) Taking delight in false humility
  - b) Worship of angels
  - c) Intruding into those things which he has not seen
  - d) Vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind
  - e) Not holding fast to the Head (Christ)
5. The danger of submitting to man-made regulations  
Colossians 2:20-23
  - a) Basic principles of the world
  - b) Subjecting self to regulations
    - i) Do not touch

- ii) Do not handle
- c) According to the commandments  
And doctrines of men
- d) An appearance of wisdom
- e) Self-imposed religion
- f) False humility
- g) Neglect of the body
- h) No value against the indulgence of the flesh

#### **L. COMPLETE IN CHRIST**

Colossians 2:1-23

1. Christ- In whom are hidden all

Colossians 2:3

- a) The treasures of wisdom
- b) And knowledge

2. Faith in Christ to be established

Colossians 2:6-7

- a) Received
- b) Walk
- c) Rooted
- d) Built up
- e) Established
- f) Abounding in it with thanksgiving

3. In Christ

Colossians 2:9-10

- a) In Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily
- b) The Head of all the principality and power
- c) Complete in Him

4. Fully identified with Christ

Colossians 2:11-15

- a) The circumcision of Christ
- b) Buried with Him in baptism
- c) Raised with Him through faith  
In the working of God who raised Him from the dead
- d) Made alive together with Him

- e) Forgiveness
  - i) All trespasses
  - ii) Handwriting of requirements that was against us
  - iii) Nailed on the cross
  - iv) Disarmed principalities and powers
  - v) Triumphant over all enemy powers

5. Christ- the Substance Colossians 2:17

6. Christ- the Head Colossians 2:19

- a) He is the Head of the body, the church
- b) Nourished
- c) Knit together by joints and ligaments
- d) Grows with increase that is from God