

# Sermon

Colossians 1:15-20

‘Christ, The Supreme Cosmic Power’

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# ‘Christ, The Supreme Cosmic Power’

Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God,

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John 4:1-26 (NIV)

(Jesus said to the Samaritan woman at the well,)

“24 God is spirit,  
and his worshipers must worship  
in the Spirit and in truth.”

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1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NIV)

17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible,  
the only God,  
be honor and glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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1 John 4:7-21 (NIV)

12 No one has ever seen God;  
but if we love one another,

God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

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**Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)**

**5 ...Christ Jesus:**

**6 Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage.**

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John 1:1-18 (NIV)

1 In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling  
among us. We have seen his glory,  
the glory of the one and only Son,  
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ...

18 No one has ever seen God,  
but the one and only Son, who is himself God  
and is in closest relationship with the Father,  
has made him known.

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**Hebrews 1:1-4 (NIV)**

- 1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,**
- 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...**
- 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being.**

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**John 14:5-14 (NIV)**

**(Jesus said,)**

**7 If you really know me,  
you will know my Father as well.**

**From now on, you do know him and have seen him."**

**8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father  
and that will be enough for us."**

**9 Jesus answered:**

**"Don't you know me, Philip,  
even after I have been among you such a long time?**

**Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."**

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Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn over all creation.

Πρωτότοκος      prōtotokos

- Firstborn (human or animal).
- In biblical culture, the firstborn had higher status and received a greater share of the inheritance. Jesus Christ, as the firstborn of God, is of supreme status and inherits all things.

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## Genesis 27 (NIV)

35 But Isaac said (to Esau),

“Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.”

36 Esau ... asked,

“Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?”

37 Isaac answered Esau,

“I have made Jacob lord over you

and have made all his relatives his servants,  
and I have sustained him with grain and new wine.

So what can I possibly do for you, my son?”

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**Exodus 4:18-31 (NIV)**

**21 The Lord said to Moses, ...**

**22 “Then say to Pharaoh,**

**‘This is what the Lord says:**

**Israel (Jacob) is my firstborn son.”**

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Psalm 89 (NIV)

3 The Lord said,

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant ...

26 He will call out to me,

‘You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.’

27 And I will appoint him to be my firstborn,  
the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

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Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
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16 For in him all things were created:  
things in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,

whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;  
all things have been created through him and for him.

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**Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)**

**12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,  
but against the rulers, against the authorities,  
against the powers of this dark world  
and against the spiritual forces of evil  
in the heavenly realms.**

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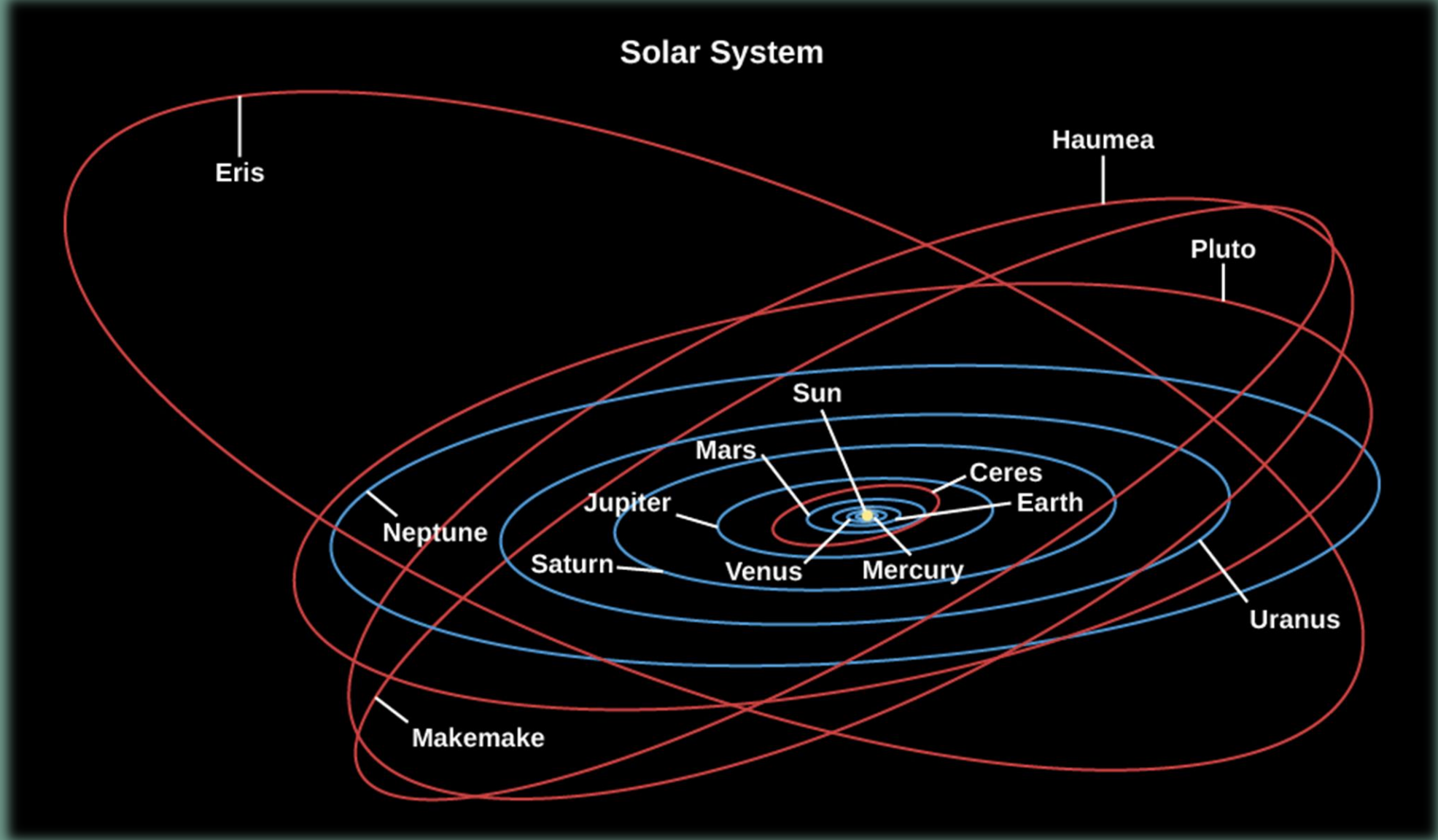
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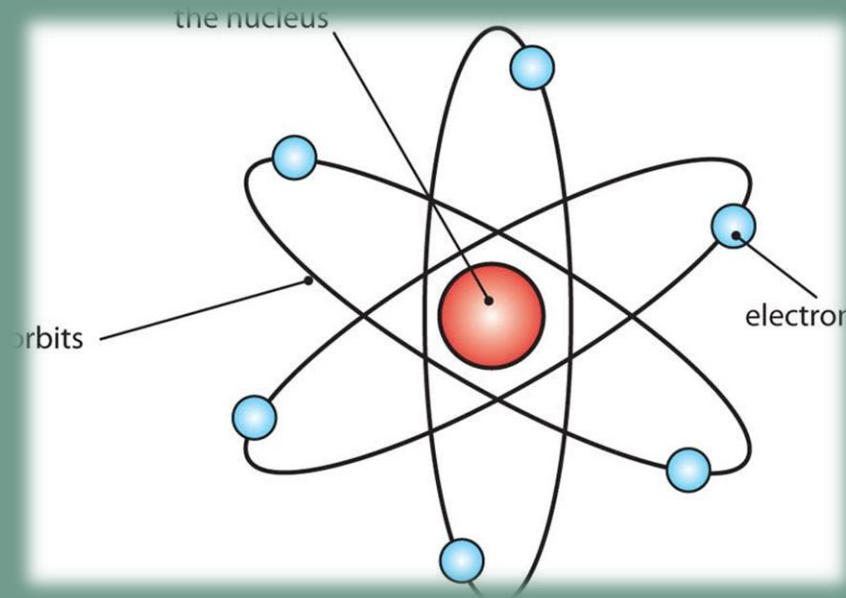
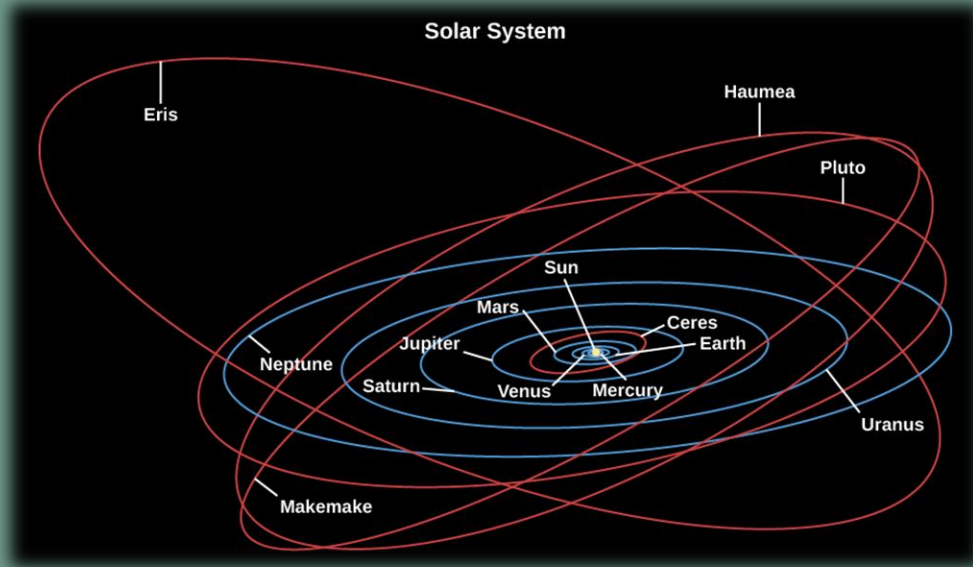
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Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

The Pale Blue Dot  
This photo of Earth  
was taken by  
Voyager 1 on  
Feb 14, 1990 from  
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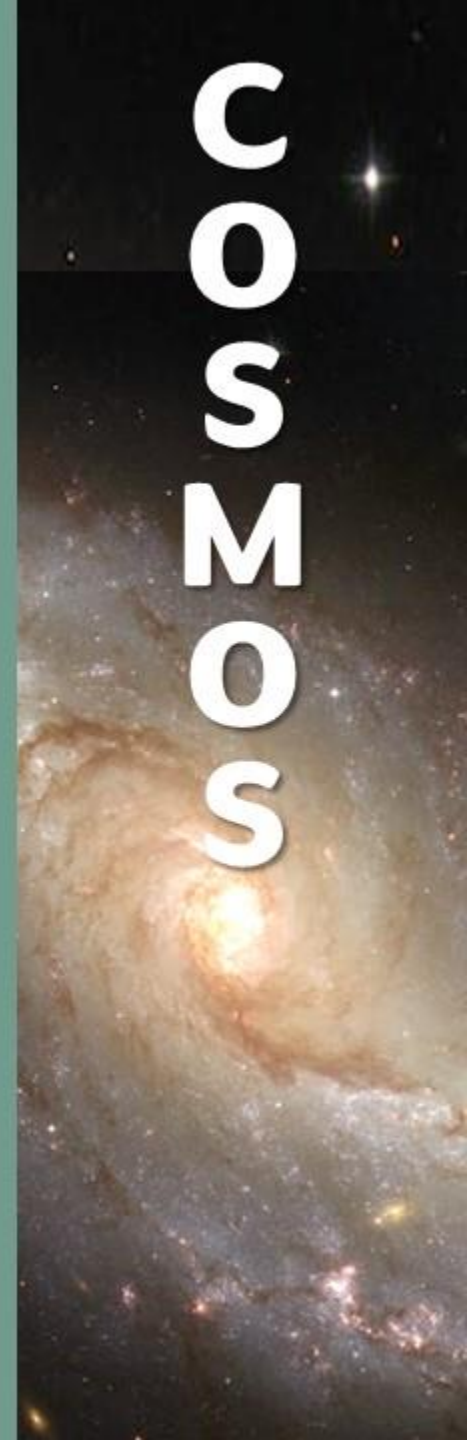
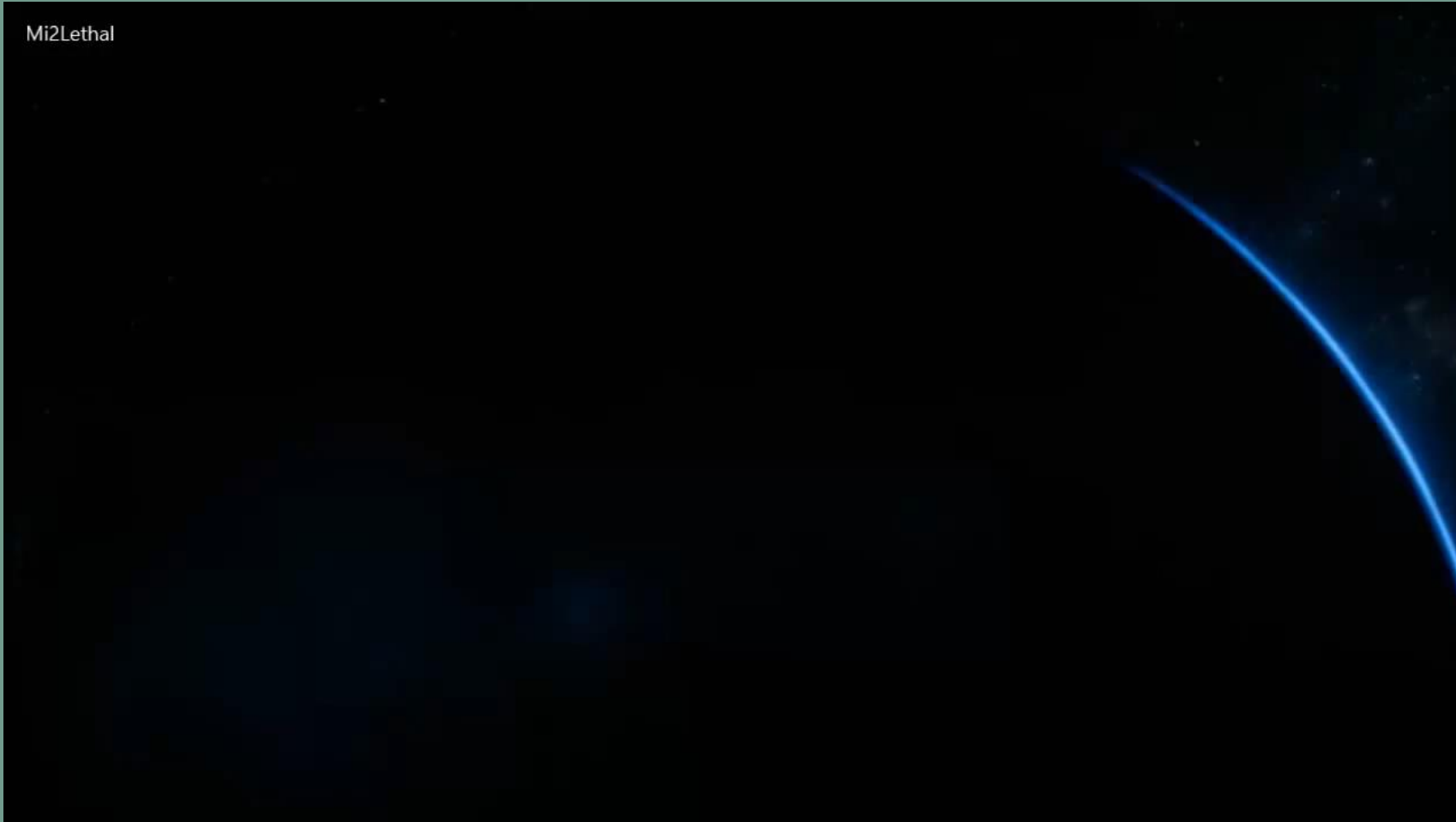


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17 He is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning  
and the firstborn from among the dead,  
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

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19 For God was pleased

to have all his fullness dwell in him,

20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether things on earth or things in heaven,

by making peace through his blood,

shed on the cross.

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3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

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**Colossians 2:6-15 (NIV)**

**9 For in Christ**

**all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,  
10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.  
He is the head over every power and authority.**

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**Colossians 2:6-15 (NIV)**

**8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition ... rather than on Christ.**

**6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,**

**7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.**

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