

## Don't Be Taken Captive! (Pt. 5)

### Colossians 2:15

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**Main Idea:** Don't Be Taken Captive by deceptive and enslaving false teaching.

**Outline:** Paul gives us two means to safeguard us from being taken captive:

- I. By Spotting Error (v. 8)
- II. By Knowing Truth (vv. 9–15)
  - A. Jesus is God in the Flesh (v. 9)
  - B. Jesus is the Sufficient Savior (v. 10a)
  - C. Jesus is Lord over All (v. 10b)
  - D. Jesus Effects a Spiritual Transformation (vv. 11–12)
  - E. Jesus Grants Spiritual Life (vv. 13–14)
  - F. Jesus has Defeated the Spiritual Forces of Evil (v. 15)**

1. When someone puts faith in Jesus Christ, they not only become a son and a slave, they also become a soldier in the Lord's army. Who is the Christian's battle against (cf. Eph 6:12)? What are the distinguishing marks of this spiritual combat?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Concerning this spiritual warfare, what are the two major ditches that Christians can fall into? Why are both equally dangerous?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. From Colossians 2:15, what is the major takeaway about this great cosmic war?



4. If Christ has already defeated all the spiritual forces of evil, does this mean Christians no longer need to fight? Explain why this is true or not true.
5. Compare Ephesians 6:10–20. How does one fight? What does it mean to put on the armor of God? How does a Christian put this on daily?
6. What role does prayer play in this spiritual battle?
7. When v.15 says Christ has “disarmed rulers and authorities” who is he talking about? What have these rulers and authorities lost? What are the implications of this for your life?
8. How does the triumph of Christ give you great hope in the fight?

