

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH DO WE WANT TO BE? — Study Sheet

Colossians 2:6-9

Intro:

- Colossians 2:1-5
- “Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell.” — C.T. Studd
- Laodicea — “the rights of the people” or civil rights

A. Back to the _____ (v. 6-7)

a) **Where we came from** — spiritually dead in sin; a dead man can do nothing to live again

- Ephesians 2:1
- Colossians 2:13

b) **Walk in Him** — as we received Christ, so walk in Him; sit at His feet, hear His Word

- Colossians 2:6
- Isaiah 64:6
- Luke 10:38-42
- Romans 12:5
- Colossians 2:7
- Romans 12:1
- Luke 9:23

Is what I do for the Lord coming from a heart of service or a heart of sacrifice?

B. Battle for _____ (v. 8)

a) **Philosophy and vain deceit** — man’s wisdom that sounds good but is empty

- Proverbs 18:2
- Ephesians 4:14

b) **Traditions of men** — doing things because we’ve always done them that way, not because the Word of God says so

- Mark 7:1-8

Why do I do the things I do? Do I have a biblical reason?

The answer to empty tradition is not simply a different way of doing things — it is getting our eyes back on Jesus Christ.