

The Battle for Your Mind

Colossians 2:8

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MAIN IDEA: The Bible repeatedly teaches that Christians are in a spiritual war, a battle for the truth. At the same time, Scripture warns Christians to be on guard, never for a moment letting our minds be taken captive to “philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men.” As Paul writes to the Colossian church, he helps them understand the necessity of being established in truth and fighting off all kinds of error.

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. Beware the Spiritual Danger (8a)
- II. Unmask the Deceptive Philosophies (8b)
 - A. They are Rooted in the Tradition of Men
 - B. They are Shaped by the Principles of the World
 - C. They are Opposed to the Sufficiency of Christ

BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 10:1–6. What does verse 3 teach about our primary battle in this life? According to verse 5, what is the content of our battle? How often do you engage in spiritual warfare—in other words, how often are you in situations where you must destroy speculations and all things that are raised up against God (v. 5)? Discuss.

