Bible Study for July 18-24, 2022

Read: Colossians 2:6-19

Notes:

Paul warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

Questions to Ponder:

As a child, did you consider your parents more permissive or strict? Why?

As a child, what did you think a "religious" person was like? How did you feel about that type of person?

In verse 8, Paul gets into the meat of this letter, to avoid deceptive philosophy that depends of human traditions and basic worldly knowledge. What might be some commonly held beliefs today that go against the gospel message?

What kind of circumcision is done by Christ? (vs 11) How did he do it? (verses 12-15)

What experiences does the believer share with Christ? (verses 9-13)

When have you felt like the "roots" of your faith were barely below the surface?

When people encourage you to be "more spiritual", do you see undue additions to the faith being added? What are they?