

1. List some ways Paul tells us that he ministers to the church.
2. We are not apostles like Paul. Can we minister in the same ways?
3. What is the mystery of “Christ in you” and how is it the hope of glory?
4. In verse 28 Paul says he wants to present everyone “perfect” in Christ. What does this mean?
5. Verse 2:4 tells us that the preceding verses 2 and 3 help safeguard us from false but persuasive arguments (such as philosophical ones). What in those verses protects us?
6. See verse 2:8. What is philosophy and what problems does it cause?
7. What is meant by the “elemental spirits” or “elements” of the world, and how is Christ different from them?
8. Extra credit: This section of Colossians elevates Christ above philosophy, legalism, mysticism (fascination with visions), and asceticism (giving up certain foods, etc.). How is each of these in some way pleasing to the flesh?
9. What rulers and authorities have been disarmed by Christ?