

**NEXT WEEK:** Jan. 25, 2015

**Title:** -"Be Thoroughly Convinced..."

**Texts:** 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 4:12-13; 13:7

**Questions:**

How does a person become convinced of what they believe? How might we "scamproof" our head and heart?

**This next week's readings:**

- Matthew 3-4
- Mark 1
- Luke 3-4
- John 2-4
- Exodus 12-26

**Topics:** (Thompson Chain Reference, Nave's Topical Bible, International Standard Bible Encyclopedia) Spiritual Ambition, Pleasing God, Spiritual Weapons, Exposure of Sin,

**Parents with your Children**

This week discuss with your family what empty philosophies are confronted on a daily basis. Experiment with your kids about how "rules and regulations" tend to whet the appetite of "the flesh." What helps them WANT to do good?



Be sure to check out the Synergy wall in the front hallway for more resources.

**Prayer Requests:**

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**CARE Groups**

Our Purpose:  
To help families apply the truth of God's Word in everyday life and build closer relationships within our church.

Our Passage:  
*"But God has {so} composed the body... {that} the members should have the same care for one another."*  
1 Cor. 12:24-25 (NAS)

**Timber Lake Christian's website:**



**Doug's Blog:**



# CONNECTING AND REFLECTING EXPERIENCE

**In a Nutshell:** People can be very persuasive with their convictions. But from where do those convictions come. Are they from a false religion, an empty philosophy or a human tradition? Those things will leave you empty. We have been awakened to an eternal celebration in Christ, dare we settle for less?

**Ice Breaker:** When you think of the terms "bait and switch" does that bring to mind any time that you felt cheated? (a.k.a. deceived)

**Title:** "Don't be Deceived..."

**Texts:** Colossians 2

**Topics:** (Thompson Chain Reference, Nave's Topical Bible, International Standard Bible Encyclopedia) "Assurance, Spiritual Knowledge, Deceivers, Pre-eminence of Christ, Spiritual Circumcision, Ceremonialism, Jewish Festivals—Go online for more resources at [www.dougdelp.wordpress.com](http://www.dougdelp.wordpress.com)

**CONNECTING TO THE TEXT**

1. What was Paul's goal in writing to the Christians at Colosse? Col. 2:2-4
2. What did Paul want them to "see to it" that didn't happen? Col. 2:8
3. According to Colossians 2 who is Jesus? What has He accomplished? And how did he accomplish that?
4. Based on what Jesus has done what should be our response?
5. What kinds of things does Paul remind the Christians at Colosse may cause some level of deception? Col. 2:4,8, 18, 21, 23
6. What does Paul say rules and regulations are powerless to do? Col. 2:20-23
7. What are you not to be judged by? Col. 2:16-17 Why not?

**REFLECTING ON OUR LIVES**

1. What does a group of people that are not deceived look like? Col. 2:2-5
2. What do people's lives look like when they are church goers but confused about Jesus, His relationship to God, and not confident in their relationship with Him?
3. Which one of these sources seems to confuse you most in your understanding as a Christian? empty philosophy, human tradition, or a false religion
4. What have you done to help your children/grandchildren avoid being deceived by these?

**CONNECTING TO OUR CHURCH:**

1. How has T.L.C.C. helped you to avoid being deceived by popularly held philosophies, traditions and religions that are not biblical?
2. How has your CARE group helped?
3. How can we do better?