



Week 2: Don't Be Deceived!
Sunday, January 22nd 2023

† Strong and Vital
Colossians 1- 2:7

† Don't be deceived!
Colossians 2:4

† Don't be taken captive
Colossians 2:8

† The ever present danger: PRIDE
Proverbs 26:12

† Defense against deception and the antidote to pride: HUMILITY

Psalm 25:9, 1 Peter 5:5-6

† There is a deceiver- and his greatest weapon is...

John 8:44b, 2 Corinthians 2:11

Questions for reflection and discussion

- Briefly scan Colossians chapter one and chapter two verses 1-7. What are all the ways you see (and Paul teaches) a healthy church will be growing in maturity and vitality? Why would a spiritually mature church (or believer) still need to be on guard against deception?
- What are ‘fine sounding arguments’ that may be temptations of deception within the church today? Same question for ‘hollow and deceptive philosophy?’
- What are ways you have wrestled with the temptation of being deceived? Is there a memory of a way you were deceived, and how God set you free?
- What are ways our pride makes us vulnerable to deception?
- How would you respond to a fellow believer you know to have a high view of scripture, and a deep love of Jesus, who holds very different interpretation/ conviction on a biblical issue about which you have a strong conviction?
- How can our desire for certainty be a barrier to spiritual growth and maturity?
- How is humility both a protection against deception and an antidote to pride?

**Today's discussion of pride draws from our own Dr. Steven Willing's excellent book, "Superbia: The perils of pride. The power of humility." It is available on Amazon and highly recommended!*

Next Sunday: Week 3- Brought to Fullness! Colossians 2:9-12

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