

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

MORNING MESSAGE

“Beware of the Kidnappers”

Colossians 2:8

- I. THE CAUTION OF KIDNAPPING (v.8)
 - A. Paul sounds the alarm – “Beware”
 1. Deuteronomy 6:12, “Beware lest thou forget the Lord”
 2. Luke 12:1, “Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees”
 - B. Paul states the aim – “spoil you”
 1. “Spoil” means “to take captive”
 2. In classical Greek it literally means “kidnap”
- II. THE CULPRIT OF KIDNAPPING (v.8b)
 - A. Paul lists four culprits
 1. “Philosophy” means “the love of wisdom”
 2. “Vain deceit” means “things that are not what they seem or claim”
 3. “Traditions of men” means “something handed down from one generation to another”
 4. “Rudiments of the world” describes “elementary teachings”
 - B. The culprits can be summarized by two words
 1. Gnosticism, which means “to know”
 2. Liberalism, which means “to add works to grace”
 - C. In the 1980s Dr. Adrian Rogers warned about four kidnappers
 1. Beware of liberalism in the church
 2. Beware of humanism in the school
 3. Beware of paganism in the world
 4. Beware of materialism in the home
- III. THE CAUSE OF KIDNAPPING (v.8c)
 - A. The fundamental question of any teaching is, “What does it teach about Jesus?”