

**Kidnapped**



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# How the world deals with helplessness

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**Perversion**  
**(avoid helplessness)**



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**Philosophy**  
**(make sense of helplessness)**

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**Power**  
**(control helplessness)**



**Colossians 2: 4** I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.

8 See to it that no one takes you **captive (kidnaps)** through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.



# Hollow and Deceptive Ideologies

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**Philosophical Christianity  
(Gnosticism)**

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**Humanistic Christianity  
(Traditions of Men)**

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**Mystic Christianity  
(Natural Law)**



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**Pagan Christianity  
(Faith as Theater)**

**Colossians 2: 13** When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having **cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness**, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, **nailing it to the cross**.

**Colossians 2: 15** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a **public spectacle** of them, triumphing over them by the cross.



When God is not enough,  
God cannot be **trusted**.



God cannot be trusted  
because I'm **unworthy** of  
anything He gives.





Paul understood that God  
does not give on account of  
**our worth** but because of **His**  
**own.**



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# Basic Christianity

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**Rooted in Community  
Strengthened by Teaching**



# The Right Path?

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Gratitude (vv. 2 overflowing with  
thankfulness)

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Forgiving Others (vv. 13 He forgave us all our sins)



**Matthew 18: 26** “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘**Be patient with me,**’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ 27 The servant’s master took **pity** on him, **cancelled the debt** and let him go.

28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to **choke him.** ‘**Pay back** what you owe me!’ he demanded.

