

ABSOLUTE ESSENTIALS  
WE AFFIRM OUR UNIQUENESS  
SELECTED SCRIPTURES FROM COLOSSIANS 2



### The Heart of the Matter

You may remember the old saying, “If you don’t stand for something, you’ll fall for anything.” If you don’t know what you believe, then you’re ready to accept whatever somebody else believes. So when it comes to standing strong and standing alone if necessary, you can’t beat knowing the truth—really knowing the truth. This was the problem in the Colossian church; they stood on the truth, but the reverberation of false teaching had shaken their foundation, making them vulnerable to fall.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Four Warnings for the Colossians (Colossians 2:4, 8, 16, 18)

Paul warned the Colossians that no one should delude them, draw them from Christ, put them into spiritual bondage, or defraud them into phony piety.

#### 2. Four Unique Characteristics of a Healthy Church (Selected Verses from Colossians 2)

Healthy churches are Christ-centered, Bible-centered, grace-based, and authentically joyous and balanced in the Christian life.

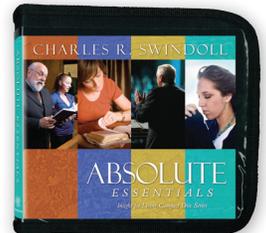


### Starting Your Journey

True Christianity is not about religiosity, phony piety, or a list of dos and don’ts. It’s about Christ, the Bible, graciousness, and a joyful balance. So, how is your Christian health?



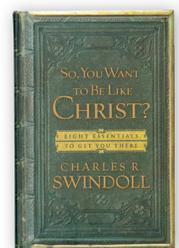
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