## Modern Threats In An Ancient Setting (Colossians)

Introduction: 1. The relevance of the Bible is continually being validated.

- 2. Though written nearly 2000 years ago, it continues to address current concerns.
- 3. This is seen in the book of Colossians.
- 4. Let us examine a few modern threats which were addressed in the ancient setting of 1<sup>st</sup> century Colosse.
- I. The Threat Of Headship
  - A. (Colossians 1:15-18).
- II. The Threat Of Backsliding
  - A. (Colossians 1:19-23).
- III. The Threat Of Deceptive Words A. (Colossians 2:4-7).
- IV. The Threat Of Vain Philosophy A. (Colossians 2:8-10).
- V. The Threat Of The Old Law
  - A. (Colossians 2:14-17).
- VI. The Threat Of Angel Worship A. (Colossians 2:18).
- VII. The Threat Of Man-Made Rules And Regulations A. (Colossians 2:20-22).
- VIII. The Threat Of Will Worship
  - A. (Colossians 2:23).

## THE INVITATION OF CHRIST

The word *"gospel"* literally means "good news". And that is exactly what Jesus offers to you and invites you to receive. the good news of Jesus is that He has paid the price for our sins. All He asks in return is for us to accept His gift of salvation. To do this, one must:

**BELIEVE** that Jesus is the Son of God and died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins (Hebrews 11:6; Ephesians 1:7).

**REPENT** or "turn away from" the sins you have committed in your past (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31).

CONFESS with your mouth that you believe Jesus to be Lord (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10).

**BE BAPTIZED** or immersed in water for the remission of all your past sins in obedience to the Lord's command (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:36-38).

**RESOLVE** from that point forward to obey and observe all of the Lord's teachings (Matthew 28:19-20; Hebrews 5:9).

If you want to respond to the above invitation of Jesus, then as we sing the invitation song following the sermon, please come to the front of the building, and we will assist you in your obedience to God.