Colossians 2 Colossians 2 Comprehension: (In other words, what does it say?) What are the key themes in this chapter? Interpretation: (In other words, what does it mean?) In what way was Paul suffering and struggling for the church in Colossae? Why did he feel the need to encourage them? What are the dangers of a discouraged Christian? Why is it vital to not just receive Christ but to also LIVE in Christ? Explain the "mystery of God" Summarize the fantastic news in verses 13-15: Why would it be ridiculous for us to fall under the spell of legalism after all that Christ has done for us? Why is it equally as important for us not to judge those who feel led to follow stricter religious guidelines? Who is the Head? And what is a body without a head?

Application: (In other words, how do I apply this to my life?)

What counters hollow/deceptive philosophy?

In what ways can your commitment to God and the impact Jesus has had on your life be shown?

Do you think you have the 'full riches of complete understanding'? What are the real riches of this assurance?

Have you ever fallen prey to deceptive doctrine/philosophy? Are you able to spot a deceiver? How can you guard against false teachers?