

**Student Questions for May 8**  
**(Give to class May 1)**  
**Read Colossians 1:9-23 Each Day**

**Monday:** Why is it so necessary for believers to correct, shape and critique their beliefs with an open Bible?

**Tuesday:** Why do professing believers often seem to get to a point in life where they do not micro-manage their lives by continuously examining their life's activities with an open Bible?

**Wednesday:** According to verses 9-11, what would you tell a believer who says, "I just don't have the strength to do what God calls us to do in His Word"?

**Thursday:** What is wrong with this statement, "Jesus is God but a little less of God than God the Father"? **Note** that the statement is incorrect because Jesus is one with the Father. There is one God in the Trinity; therefore, there can be no hierarchy in the nature of God. However, as the person of the Son, Jesus submitted Himself to the Father in the actions He carried out. The cross was a willful sacrifice on Jesus' part for it was God's will. It was also a submissive sacrifice by Jesus for He submitted Himself as the Son of God.

**Friday:** What is wrong with this statement, "God created the world but has left it to run on its own and will one day come and put it all under His control again"? **Note** that this statement is incorrect in that verse 16 clearly states that Jesus sustains all things in the present time. Although the world appears chaotic, the fact that Jesus has not yet returned reveals His grace in allowing men opportunities to be saved. Also, that the world remains in existence reveals that God is sustaining it for without the hand of the Creator the creation left to himself will certainly die.

### **Small Group Discussion**

1. What is wrong with this statement, "He is a believer, but there is no outward evidence to that fact"? **Note** that this verse, along with many others in the New Testament (see Romans 6 and I John 1), emphatically denies that one can be a genuine believer yet live in a continual state of rebellion and faithlessness before God.
2. What wrong views held by many people regarding the nature and work of Jesus are corrected in this passage?