

Paul's world Life in Colossae

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Life today

Builders spend a lot of time building the foundations of a house. Foundations need to be deep, solid and strong. If they are not, the ground around a building will move when it is either very wet or very dry, and the building could crack and crumble. What would you do if this happened to where you live?



Did you know?

There were lots of influences on people's faith in Colossae. The original inhabitants worshipped as part of various secret cults. Then, as Greeks and then Romans inhabited the area, they brought their religions with them. So, there were many different choices for worshippers in Colossae. The Roman author, Cicero, tells us that there was also a 10,000-strong Jewish community in the city.

Imagine

You are one of the people of Colossae. You have been attending the church there for some time now and have learnt much from the teachings you have heard there. One key area of teaching is that you should only worship the one true God, who you can access only through Christ's death on the cross. But one of your friends, who follows your old religion, has invited you

to join them at the religious meeting they attend. Some fresh and exciting ideas have come along with some people who are new to the area – it's the latest thing – and your friend wants you to come along and try it out too. They say it won't do any harm, and maybe you could add some of these ideas into the ones you are following about Christ? How do you react?



Paul's letter to the Colossians

A nugget to explore with children:
Chapter 2, verses 6 and 7 (CEV)*

* Contemporary English Version

You have accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord. Now keep on following him. Plant your roots in Christ and let him be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful.