

PIECING LIFE TOGETHER:
“*Truth in an Alt-Fact World...*”
Colossians 2:1-12

- i. Our posture regarding truth has changed dramatically in recent decades.
- ii. An analogy from a baseball umpire...
 - a. “There are pitches out of the strike zone and there are strikes.”
 - b. “I call them the way I see them.”
 - c. “They aren’t anything until I give them meaning.”

THE FOLLOWING IS A CHECKLIST FOR TRUTH IN AN *ALT-FACT* WORLD...

- I. CHECK YOUR COMPASS (1-5)
 - a. Struggling – as *agon*-like athletes in the arena.
 - b. This is a very personal passage in the letter.
 - c. Even though they have not met, Paul is with them.

- II. CHECK YOUR WINDS (6-8)
 - a. There were competing winds of the day in Laodicea.
 - b. Be careful of the following:
 - i. Teachers who wanted them to hold on to elements of Jewish traditions.
 - ii. Gnostics-made it about more knowledge and/or feelings.
 - iii. Roman-pride.

- III. CHECK YOUR AFFECTIONS (9-12)
 - a. Back to the cosmic Christ that is bigger than traditions, feelings, reason and Roman-pride.
 - b. We belong to Christ.
 - c. Remember your baptism.
 - d. Christus Victor