
Book of Colossians

Lesson 5 - Walk in the Riches of Christ

Colossians 2:6-15

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Overview of the letter so far ...

Colossians 2:6

- **Therefore** – “in view of everything said so far...”

Section	Primary Subject of Sentences	Primary Topic
Col 1:1 - 14	First person “I / We”	Paul’s thanks and prayer for spiritual maturity
Col 1:15 - 23	Third person “He”	The Greatness of Christ
Col 1:24 - 2:5	First person “I / We”	Paul’s passion for the Church
Col 2:6 - 23	Second person “You”	Walk in the Riches of Christ



As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord

Colossians 2:6

- **Received** (*paralambanō*) = “to receive near”
Used the same way he used the word **learned** in Col 1:7
- **Christ Jesus the Lord** = He is the **Christ** or Messiah; He is the fully human **Jesus**; He is the **Lord** (*kurios*) - supreme authority.
- **Walk in Him** (*peripateō*) ~ live in a manner worthy of the Lord.
Present imperative = “you must keep on walking in Him!”
Habitually live in a way that glorifies Christ.



Rooted, established, instructed, & grateful

Colossians 2:7

- **Firmly rooted** (*rhizoō*) = “to strengthen with roots; firmly grounded.”
Perfect tense = event in the past, having continuing results in the present.
- **Built up in Him** (*epoikodomeō*) = “to build upon.”
Present tense = continually in process, like their spiritual growth.
- **Just as you were instructed** (*didaskō*) = the teaching ministry of the Church is the primary means through which believers grow toward spiritual maturity.
- **Overflowing with gratitude** (*perisseuō*) = “to super-abound; to furnish so richly so that there is an overflowing abundance.”



Warning about worldly wisdom that leads astray

Colossians 2:8

- **See to it** (*blepō*) = “constantly on the lookout or watchful for danger.”
- **Takes you captive** (*sulagōgeō*) = “to carry off as a captive or slave.”
- **Philosophy & empty deception.** *Empty* (*kenos*) = “resulting in nothing; having no effect.” *Deception* (*apatē*) = “deceitfulness.”
- **Tradition of men** = worthless, harmful, foolish theories passed down.
- **Elementary principles of the world** (*stoicheia*) = “series of elements.”
 - 1) “elementary principles of the world” = CSB, NASB, NKJV
 - 2) “elemental spirits of the world” = ESV, NET, NIV, NLT, RSV
- **Rather than according to Christ** = the antidote for the danger.



Christ ~ All the fullness of Deity in bodily form

Colossians 2:9

- Not only is Christ **fully God** but also **fully human**. This may be the clearest statement in all the Bible about the person of Christ.

Colossians 2:10

- **Complete** (*plēroō*) = verb form of the noun **fullness**.
“*In Him* believers can partake of the fullness that is His.”
- He is the **head** over all rule and authority.
 - Christ created all rulers and authorities (Col 1:16)
 - He disarmed & triumphed over the opposing spiritual rulers and authorities (Col 2:15)



Meaning of Circumcision and Baptism

Colossians 2:11

- **Circumcision made without hands** ~ putting off the fleshly nature. Paul is *not* referring to Judaizers trying to convince the Colossians to submit to the rite of circumcision.
- Christ's **fullness** can give the desire & power ***to control the flesh.***

Colossians 2:12

- **Baptism** ~ believers identify with Christ's burial & resurrection. *Dead* to the fleshly nature & *raised* to new life through faith in the working of God, which can provide the power ***to master fleshly desires*** (see Romans 6:3-14).



Made alive in Him and forgiven in His grace

Colossians 1:21-22	Colossians 2:13
<p>21 <i>And you</i> were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, [engaged] in evil deeds,</p> <p>22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death</p>	<p>13 <i>And you</i> being dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh,</p> <p>He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions</p>
<p>- alienated; hostile mind; doing evil + reconciled to God (through <u>His</u> death)</p>	<p>- transgressions; sinful by nature; dead + alive together <u>in Him</u>; forgiveness of sins</p>

Forgiveness (*charizomai*) = “unmerited pardon.” It is a grace gift given to us through faith in the working of God.



Christ removed transgressions & disarmed accusers

Colossians 2:14

- **Certificate of debt** (*cheirographon*) = legal certificate of the decrees of God's moral law which put us under a debt we could never pay.
- **Canceled** (*exaleiphō*) = "to completely obliterate or erase."
- **Taken it away** (*airō*) = "to take upon one's self and carry."
- **Nailed it to the cross** = paid in full by the substitutionary death of Christ.

Colossians 2:15

- **Disarmed** (*apekduomai*) = "completely stripped of their power."
- **Made a public display** (*deigmatizō*) = "to make an example of."
- **Triumphed** (*thriambeuō*) = "to lead in victory procession."



Application

Given all of the riches you have in Christ, are you living in a way that would please Him? Which area needs the most help? □ Being built up in your faith, □ Expressing gratitude to God, □ Avoiding the sins of the flesh?

Are there worldly philosophies you have believed which may be contrary to the truth of God's Word? Ask God to point out these things and to replace them with His truth.

Do you have any thoughts, desires, or habits which you are yielding to but that come from your fleshly nature? If you see something in your life that you think would not please God, bring that area to Him in prayer and ask for wisdom to deal with it.

Are there things in your life which you are having a difficult time forgiving yourself for? If the God of the Universe has forgiven you, don't you think it's time to try forgiving yourself?

