

Questions

1. Read Colossians 2:6. What is the connection between receiving Jesus as Savior and Lord, and then walking in that truth?
2. According to Colossians 2:7, a distinctive of a maturing follower of Christ is overflowing gratitude to God. Is that a trait that marks your life? Do others see you as overflowing with gratitude?
3. To what degree do you see good works and possessing a special higher knowledge as common to non-Christian belief systems?
4. Have you ever been tempted to deny Jesus Christ or some Christian teaching, out of fear of looking/sounding foolish?
5. Read John 14:25-26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Romans 8:9; and Colossians 2:9-10. What does it mean that we are filled with Christ? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in that work?
6. Circumcision (as taught in the Old Testament) and water baptism (as taught in the New Testament) are external acts that depict inner spiritual realities. What does water baptism depict? What part of a person does God ultimately focus on (cf. 1 Samuel 16:7)?
7. Read Colossians 2:13. What was your spiritual condition when God saved you?
8. How are you strengthened and encouraged by the truths of Colossians 2:13-15?

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He Made You Alive

Colossians 2:6-15

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In Colossians 2:6-15, we learn that a key preventative to keep a believer from being carried off and taken in by lies is to be saturated with the truth that you already belong to the God who triumphed over the liars who want to take you captive.

Colossians 2:6 begins the part of the letter where Paul gives us glimpses into the threats facing the Colossian believers (see especially 2:8 and 2:16). Paul began by saying, "You have all you need. You need to believe what is already yours, in Christ, and walk in it."

Colossians 2:6-7 gives two themes that will guide the rest of the book:

1. **What a believer in Jesus Christ already possesses in Him.**
2. **How a believer in Jesus Christ ought to walk (live) in Him.**

Two commands in 2:6-15:

- Continue to walk in Christ (2:6)
- Be careful that no one takes you captive... (2:8)

2. You have a salvation that is complete in Christ (2:11-12).

The nature of the so-called Colossian heresy is not completely clear, but it shows two elements that are common to most false teaching:

1. Works – an emphasis on performing to earn salvation
2. Knowledge – an emphasis on special knowledge or seeming more intellectual than others.

What a believer in Jesus Christ already possesses in Him:

1. You have the fullness of God through Christ (2:9-10).

3. You have full forgiveness that was won by Christ (2:13-15).