



# THE THREAD

*weaving Sunday's message through the week*

**Date:** January 31, 2021

**Passage:** Colossians 2:6–15

**Theme:** A Gospel Worldview

From Colossians 2:6–15, we see two key aspects of living life according to a Gospel worldview:

1. Continue to walk with Jesus Christ (6–7). How?
  - a. Have him as the nourishment and foundation of your life.
  - b. Learn about him to be strengthened in the faith.
  - c. Continually acknowledge his work in your life.
2. Be on guard for any idea other than Him (8–15). Why?
  - a. We can be taken captive by deceptively empty ideas (8).
    - i. Human traditions
    - ii. Spiritual Forces
    - iii. Not Jesus Christ
  - b. We have been filled with everything we need in Him (9–15).
    - i. Jesus possessed the fulness of deity in himself (9).
    - ii. Jesus stands supreme over everything (10b).
    - iii. With Him, our flesh was crucified (11).
    - iv. With Him, we have been raised in his resurrection (12).
    - v. With Him, we have been made alive to experience his victory over sin and all that opposes Him (13–15).

**Main Idea:** We must possess a Gospel worldview, that vigilantly combats our natural tendency to look for meaning in the ideas of this world, by focusing exclusively on Christ's work for us.

## Application Questions:

- What is a worldview? What are some popular worldviews? Why is it so important to understand what your worldview is?
- Why is it that the Gospel must be at the center of our worldview? (Hint: notice in v. 6: the centrality of the Jesus Christ for initial salvation as well as the Christian life)
- If we know that we must continue to walk with Jesus Christ, why is it that so few Christians are doing what Paul states in v. 6 in relation to Jesus as the pursuit of one's life?
- To what deceptive and empty "philosophies" or ideas are you susceptible? How do these affect the decisions that you make in life?
- Focusing on vv. 9–15, what do we possess that gives our lives fulness because we are in Jesus Christ?

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