

**THIS FIRST PAGE IS FOR THE PAPER OUTLINE:**

**Receive Him and Walk in Him...**

Colossians 2:6, 7

**Listen!** A hotel patio in Colorado. Wet hair, two Mountain Dews, and a pack of cigarettes.

**Tension:** Col 2:6, 7 is calling each of us to take a humble, sobering, frightening look at our habits.

**#1 As you have received Christ Jesus our Lord (v 6a):** by grace through faith. Ephesians 2:8, 9.

- Grace is the means: the unmerited favor of God—He simply decided to be for us.
- Faith is the vehicle: the initial decision to trust Christ.
- The Gospel in four key words:
  - Sin:
  - Separation:
  - Substitution:
  - Trust:

**#2 ...so walk in Him (v 6b):** in just the **say (same?)** way as you received Him—by grace through faith.

- “walk” (peripeto) can mean literal walking or our lifestyle, our habitual way of being, our habits.
- What is the ideal system of tiny, unrelenting habits for loving God, for being satisfied in Jesus?
  1. Read the Bible for yourself every day. Matthew 4:4
  2. Pray throughout the day. 1 Thess 5:17
  3. Get in a group of people who are pursuing God. Hebrews 10:24, 25
  4. Get into service. 1 Peter 4:10

**#3 Having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith. (v 7a)**

- **First**, rooted. Trusted Christ.
- **Second**, firmly rooted. Growing in Christ.
- **Third**, built up. Spiritually flourishing.

**#4 Having been instructed. (v 7b)**

- 2 Timothy 2:2. Get yourself instructed.

**#5 Overflowing with gratitude. (v 7c)**

- 1 Corinthians 4:7. Because everything we have is a gift.

**Core Idea:** We must go about our habitual way of being...by grace through faith—exactly as we got saved.

**My friend is 90. His body is a smoldering dumpster fire because he is 90 and he lives in a fallen world. But his soul is flourish beyond description because for eight decades he has humbly submitted his habits to God!**

- The Holy Spirit is instructing each one of us: “Take a sober look at our own system of tiny, unrelenting habits—and see what needs to be adjusted.”

**THIS SECOND OUTLINE—on pages 2-4—HAS OUTLINE SLIDES AND QUOTE SLIDES IN ORDER:**

**SLIDE ONE:**

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- Grace is the means:

**SLIDE FIVE:**

“Grace is the absolute and unforced favor gained by Christ’s death and resurrection, allowing God to be completely for us and endlessly in love with us, apart from anything we must prove. Grace is an actual reality, a way of life in which we no longer strive for acceptance. We mature, heal, and are released into His intentions by trusting that all the power of Jesus is fused in us, creating an entirely new person.” *Trust for Today*. 5.27

**SLIDE SIX:**

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**SLIDE SEVEN:**

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### **SLIDE TEN:**

“Every single qualification for success is acquired through habit. People form habits and habits form futures. If you do not deliberately form good habits, then unconsciously you will form bad ones. You are the kind of person you are because you have formed the habit of being that kind of person. And the only way you can change is through habit.” Albert Gray. Circa 1940

### **SLIDE ELEVEN:**

“The trajectory of your life bends in the direction of your habits.” James Clear

“All our life, so far as it has definite form, is but a mass of habits.” William James

Our walk or lifestyle is “A system of tiny, unrelenting habits.” James Clear

### **SLIDE TWELVE:**

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