

# Saint Paul's Baptist Church

*Weekday Study Notes*

## WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S

Saint Paul's Baptist Church exists to empower people to grow into all that God created them to be. We do that by finding needs and meeting them, finding problems, and solving them, finding hurts and healing them.

## GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. To volunteer, participate in a small group, or would get more information about upcoming events, visit [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org) or download our free mobile app from your favorite app store: MYPBCAPP.

## NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join Us during or after worship services for personal prayer by logging on to [www.myspbc.info/prayerroom](http://www.myspbc.info/prayerroom). You may also submit a prayer request at [myspbc.org/prayer](http://myspbc.org/prayer).

## JESUS IS GREATER: A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

*Today's Lesson: The Supreme Charge*

*Colossians 2:6-7: New International Version*

Paul began this letter by welcoming this young church to the family of faith. He greeted them with joy and enthusiastically reassured them of their irrevocable status as members of God's beloved people. In doing so, he also reminded them of the blessings, privileges, and responsibilities they had inherited.

Paul's prayerful introduction assures us that as modern Christ followers, we are also recipients of these same blessings. As members of God's family, we have reasons to be glad, reasons to be grateful, and reasons to be going! Perhaps the greatest truth for us as members of God's family is found in the rich theology of these passages.

The presence of the triune God here cannot be overlooked, and its significance cannot be overstated. Paul has been pressing them in chapters 1 and thus far in chapter 2 to

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be on guard against seductive teaching, and recognize that in Jesus, God has provided all they will ever need to live this life and enjoy the life that is yet to come.

That's where we left off, focusing on Paul's supreme concern. Today, we shift our focus to Paul's supreme charge and our attention is summoned to verses 5-6 of chapter 2. Listen to it:

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (vv. 6, 7)*

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ **WALK (v. 6)**  
(Acts 4:12, Acts 5:31, Acts 13:23)

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ **IN HIM (vs. 6b, 7a)**  
(John 15:1-4)

3. **A WALK IN** \_\_\_\_\_ **(v. 7b)**  
(Ephesians 3:17-19)

4. **A WALK IN** \_\_\_\_\_ **(v. 7c)**  
(1 Thessalonians 5:18, Ephesians 5:20, Hebrews 13:15, Colossians 3:15-16,  
2 Corinthians 11:13-15)

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## Discussion Guide:

**Icebreaker:** *Share an experience where you believed something was right and discovered later that it was wrong: what was it? What did you learn from that experience?*

### Discussion Questions:

1. Do you remember when you first started with Christ (or returned to Christ for the first time in a while)? All that mattered was Jesus. You were filled with us love and enthusiasm. Paul says in v6 that that is how we are to continue—that being rooted in him we are now to be built up in him and overflowing with thankfulness. How are we to do that? How can we recapture that enthusiasm we had at first? What do you think causes us to lose it?
2. How easily would you be taken in by people offering you some new, rich, interesting, stimulating, attractive experience or wisdom or course of action that came from within the church and looked—as far as you could tell—compatible with everything else you knew? Does anyone in your group have a story to tell about how you were led astray for a time?

**CHALLENGE:** What is one “a-ha” moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

**SERVE:** How is God calling us to live out this lesson this week? As individuals? As a group?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at [www.myspbc.org](http://www.myspbc.org). You can also

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“find, follow and like” our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/myspbc](http://www.facebook.com/myspbc). Turn on your notifications.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER:** Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.