

# Saint Paul's Baptist Church

*Weekday Study Notes*

## W E L C O M E T O S A I N T P A U L ' 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 learn more about upcoming events, visit [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org) or download our free mobile app at [myspbc.info/app](http://myspbc.info/app).

## NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us during or after worship services for personal prayer at [myspbc.info/prayerroom](http://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: Learning To Walk*

*Colossians 2:8-15: New International Version*

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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1. WE MUST DEEPEN OUR \_\_\_\_\_ WITH CHRIST (2:6-7).
  - A. We are called to be \_\_\_\_\_ (2:6-7).
  - B. We are called to be \_\_\_\_\_ (2:7).
  - C. We are called to be \_\_\_\_\_ (2:7).
  
2. WE MUST DENOUNCE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRIST (2:8-10).
  - A. False teaching \_\_\_\_\_ and denies Christ (2:8).
  - B. Faithful teaching \_\_\_\_\_ and exalts Christ (2:9-10).
  
3. WE MUST DEFINE OUR \_\_\_\_\_ IN CHRIST (2:11-15).
  - A. He \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts (2:11).
  - B. He \_\_\_\_\_ over death (2:12-13).
  - C. He \_\_\_\_\_ our debt (2:13-14).
  - D. He \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy (2:15).
  - E. He \_\_\_\_\_ our victory (2:15).



### Study Guide:

#### Dig Deeper Questions:

1. What does it mean to walk in Christ in the same way we received him? How do worldly philosophies take us away from Christ? What is Paul's antidote to such false teaching?

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2. What is the significance of the "entire fullness of God's nature" (v. 9) dwelling in Christ's body? What are the implications of this truth for our lives? What does this passage teach us about how our union with Christ transforms our identity?
3. How does Paul describe the different aspects of our identity that we have received in the gospel? For example, what is the significance of being "raised with him" (v. 12)? What is the significance of Paul's stacking different metaphors to show the comprehensiveness of Christ's forgiveness of our sins?
4. What is the significance of Christ's disarming "the rulers and authorities" (v. 15) when it comes to our dealing with guilt, shame, and the accusations of the enemy? What are some of the implications of Christ's triumph and victorious resurrection?
5. How does this passage teach us to stay centered on Jesus? How does this passage highlight the sufficiency of Christ in his person and work?

**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 [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org). Connect with us on social media at [facebook.com/myspbc](https://facebook.com/myspbc), [instagram.com/myspbc](https://instagram.com/myspbc) and [twitter.com/MySPBC\\_online](https://twitter.com/MySPBC_online). Turn on your notifications and stay in the know!

**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.