

## Colossians 2:6-23 // July 8, 2025 // Briarwood Women's Bible Study

### WALKING (VS. 6-7)

2 Peter 1:3 - "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to[c] his own glory and excellence.."

Colossians 2:3 - "which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom & knowledge."

Vs. 6 - The first imperative command in the book of Colossians.

WALK (how?)

- \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
- Established in the faith, just as you were taught

Jesus + nothing = \_\_\_\_\_

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"Thanksgiving is a mark of mature Christianity. If your roots are deep in Christ you won't seek other soil. If Christ is your sure foundation you have no need to move. If you are studying and growing in the Word, you will not be easily enticed by false doctrine."  
(Warren Wiersbe)

### WARNING (Vs. 8)

Hebrews 5:12 *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food...*

## WHAT CHRIST DID (Vs. 9-15)

Vs. 9 -

*1 Corinthians 1:20-24 - Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?... 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

*Philippians 3:20-21 - But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

Vs. 10 -

*Paul prays similarly in Ephesians 3:17-19 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Vs. 10 - “...who is the head of all rule and authority.”

- 1.) Colossians 1:16 - over all creation as CREATOR
- 2.) Ephesians 6:12 - over the enemies
- 3.) Colossians 2:15 - he has disarmed them, put them to open shame
- 4.) Ephesians 1:19-23 - far above all heavenly places (angels, everything) Head over all TO the church.

Vs. 11 - “In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands...”

*Deuteronomy 10:16 - Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.*

*Deuteronomy 30:6 - And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.*

*Romans 10:9 - because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*Romans 8:5-7 - 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

*Galatians 5:24 - And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

*Romans 6 - What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

*1 Corinthians 6:13-20 - 13 "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?... Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

*Ephesians 2:4-6 - But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we **were dead** in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

*John 5:24 - Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

Vs. 13-14 THE GOSPEL ON A NAPKIN:

## Vs 13 - Our Condition BEFORE Conversion

What did it mean for \_\_\_\_\_ to be dead in her trespasses?

Romans 6:23 - the wages of sin is death. Before we ever died, we died. Before we were ever “living” we were dead. Let this be a warning if you’re not in Christ - you can actually be alive and be dead.

**Ephesians 2:1-3:** \_\_\_\_\_

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

Enslaved, the walking dead, our very nature children of wrath (dead, dead)

**2 Corinthians 4:4** - \_\_\_\_\_

*In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. blinded, Lost look at the gospel and say” boring, not interested, you’re so pushy”*

**Ephesians 4:18** - \_\_\_\_\_

*They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.*

darkened, alienated, ignorant because of our hardness of heart

**1 Corinthians 2:14** - \_\_\_\_\_

*The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*

in ability to accept

*Romans 8:7-8 - For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

## Vs. 13 - The MOMENT of Conversion

What does it mean for \_\_\_\_\_ to be made alive with Christ?

**FROM** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO**

DEATH

(John 3:3-8, 1 Peter 1:3)

\_\_\_\_\_

BLINDNESS

(2 Cor. 4:4-6, 1 Peter 1:23)

\_\_\_\_\_

HARDNESS

(Ezekiel 36:26-27)

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INABILITY

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

\_\_\_\_\_

ALL OF THIS VIA BELIEF / THE WILL OF GOD.

*John 1:12-13 -But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, **he** gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, **but of God.***

*1 John 5:1 - Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ **has been born of God...***

*Acts 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many **as were appointed** to eternal life believed.*

Vs. 14-15 -

*Deuteronomy 24:16 - "Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.*

*John 12:28 - Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."*

## **WARNING / WAKE UP CALL (Vs. 16-23)**

### **Vs. 20-23 - What is true of false teachings?**

- 1.) of this world
- 2.) perishable
- 3.) merely human / no Divine authority
- 4.) appearance of wisdom
- 5.) no value in stopping the flesh.

**“If you have a self-made abstinence that you think will get you to God and then boast in it - Christ is not your God, you are.” - Harry Reeder**

**“If you and I could be right with God by giving something up, God wouldn't have given up His Son for you, He would have asked you to just give up that thing. But He DID give up his son that we could have life forevermore.” - Harry Reeder**

Isn't it wonderful to know you're going to heaven without living a perfect life?

**The grace that saved you, should motivate you!**

O Lord, how great are thy works!" -Psalm 92:5

### HOW GREAT THOU ART

Oh Lord, my God  
When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

(C. Boberg, 1885)

Questions to consider:

- 1.) What are our man-made traditions that can become more important to us than the God-given doctrines of the Scriptures? *We must beware making our traditions equal to the Word of God.*
- 2.) What popular false teachings are you aware of and what is the best way to stand guard against them?
- 3.) If you are a believer, how does it comfort you to know that you were once *dead* and Christ made you *alive* and He also “disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame by triumphing over them in the cross?” How will that impact your life today?
- 4.) What does it look like to “abound in thanksgiving” for all Christ has done for you?