

COLOSSIANS
Together
Faithful Stewards
Colossians 2:6-2:23

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New Testament

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts
- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter

Salvation = Change
No Change = No Salvation

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[6] Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, [7] rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

[8] See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. [9] For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, [10] and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. [11] In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

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[12] having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. [13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. [15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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[16] Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. [17] These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. [18] Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, [19] and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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[20] If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— [21] “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” [22] (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? [23] These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

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Growing Life

Remember The Power Of The Gospel

- The mystery of God for redemption
- Fulfillment of Christ for redemption
- Calling of the Holy Spirit for redemption
- Response in obedience

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Growing Life

Remember The Power Of The Gospel

Relationship Of Intimacy

- Walking in Christ
- Rooted
- Built up
- Established in faith
- Resulting in abundant thanksgiving

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Growing Life

Remember The Power Of The Gospel

Relationship Of Intimacy

Deception That Leads To Ineffectiveness

- Smooth talk and plausible debt
- Empty deceit – anchored in human tradition
 - Beware of human tradition anchored in ungodliness
- Spiritual forces and warfare around
- Not anchored in or glorifying Christ

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Growing Life

Remember The Power Of The Gospel

Relationship Of Intimacy

Deception That Leads To Ineffectiveness

Following Christ

- Whole fullness of God dwells
- Salvation brings fulness of Christ to believers
- Lead by Christ with all authority
- Called to be His body – the church

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**Are You Living With
The Emptiness Of The World
Or
The Fullness Of God**

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Transformed Life

From Worldliness To Godliness

- No longer to live in the emptiness of the world
- Change that is evidence of salvation
- Old Testament covenant was a physical to demonstrate the spiritual
- New Testament covenanted is the spiritual that is reflected through the physical

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Transformed Life

From Worldliness To Godliness

Union With Christ Visually Demonstrated

- Baptism is the outward demonstration of the inward declaration
- Old life buried
- New life transformed
- Through faith
- Powerful work of God

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Transformed Life

From Worldliness To Godliness

Union With Christ Visually Demonstrated

God's Powerful Work Demonstrated By Love

- Former start before Christ
 - Dead
 - Alienated
 - Cut off from promise

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Transformed Life

From Worldliness To Godliness

Union With Christ Visually Demonstrated

God's Powerful Work Demonstrated By Love

- Former start before Christ
- But God...For us
 - Alive together with Christ
 - Forgiving ALL sin
 - Canceling the record of debt

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Transformed Life

From Worldliness To Godliness

Union With Christ Visually Demonstrated

God's Powerful Work Demonstrated By Love

- Former start before Christ
- But God...For us
- Work of God, power of God, love of God
 - Nailed to Christ cross
 - Disarmed rulers and authorities
 - Open shame of the complete work of Christ
 - Triumphant = Victory

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Do You Know How Much God Loves You?

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Steadfast Life

Because Of The Powerful Work Of God...

- There is no one to pass judgement
 - Remember context
 - Teachers teaching Jewish tradition in addition to faith
 - Keeping things in proper perspective
 - The former pointing the completion in Christ
 - The old was futile
 - Christ fulfilled
 - Believers demonstrated

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Steadfast Life

Because Of The Powerful Work Of God...

Beware Of Deceivers

- Worshiping more than Christ
- Arrogance and self-inflation
- Not being led by Christ through the Holy Spirit
 - Remember Christ is the head

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Steadfast Life

Because Of The Powerful Work Of God...

Beware Of Deceivers

Reflecting Christ Or The World

- Can not live for Christ and the world
- Pleasing God or pleasing man
- Do not hold value or indulge
- In the end, self-made religion are dead and empty

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Where Does Your Desire Lay?