

JESUS >

A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

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JESUS > THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES

COLOSSIANS 2:5-15

KEEP MAKING SPIRITUAL _____: COLOSSIANS 2:5-7

Growing people change!!!

THE _____. COLOSSIANS 2:5

THE _____. COLOSSIANS 2:6

THE _____. COLOSSIANS 2:7

EPHESIANS 4:14

ISAIAH 8:11-13

THE _____. COLOSSIANS 2:7

THE _____. COLOSSIANS 2:7

COLOSSIANS 1:6-7

THE _____. COLOSSIANS 2:7

JOHN 7:37-38

WATCH OUT FOR SPIRITUAL _____: COLOSSIANS 2:8-10

"The fundamental test of any religious teaching is, 'Where does it put Jesus Christ - His Person and His Work?' Does it rob Him of His fullness? Does it deny either His deity or His humanity? Does it affirm that the believer must have some 'new experience' to supplement his experience with Christ? If so, that teaching is wrong and dangerous."

Warren Wiersbe

DRAW UPON YOUR SPIRITUAL _____: COLOSSIANS 2:11-15

_____ IN HIM. COLOSSIANS 2:11

DEUTERONOMY 30:6

_____ IN HIM. COLOSSIANS 2:12-13

FREE FROM THE _____ IN HIM. COLOSSIANS 2:14

1 PETER 2:24

ROMANS 7:6

ROMANS 6:14

_____ IN HIM. COLOSSIANS 2:15

JOHN 12:31

2 CORINTHIANS 2:14

Fill in the blanks: progress, army, journey, tree, building, school, river, perils, provisions, circumcised, alive, law, victorious

This Study Guide will help you go deeper throughout the week with daily scripture reading and questions for your own personal reflection and application. It is also designed to be used for discussion with your family, friends and Life Group.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

Day 1	Colossians 2:6-7
Day 2	Colossians 2:8
Day 3	Colossians 2:9-10
Day 4	Colossians 2:11-12
Day 5	Colossians 2:13-15

DAILY READING JOURNAL

Whether you are reading Colossians for the first time, or have studied it numerous times, we have designed a journal to help you grow in your daily Bible reading. The journal uses the SOAP method, a simple yet powerful tool, to help guide you into deeper understanding and application of the Bible.

OPEN UP

How would you describe the rules in your family growing up? Was it rigid and legalistic? Lacking guidance and boundaries? A good balance of grace and truth, freedom and boundaries?

JESUS & THE CHURCH VERSES 2:6-7

If we received Jesus by grace through faith (2:6), what does that say about what it means to live in Him?

How strong are your roots in Jesus right now (2:7)? Have you been more focused on aspects of your faith that are hidden beneath-the-surface or those that are more public and seen by others?

In what ways has giving thanks bolstered your walk with Jesus (2:7)?

UNDERSTANDING COLOSSIANS

The Colossians would have known exactly what Paul was referring to when he says this philosophy is from human and spiritual origin (2:8). The Greek word he uses to describe the spiritual forces, *stoicheia*, or “elements,” refers to a Jewish tradition that said spiritual beings rule over humans. False teachers were also teaching that Gentile Christians needed to be circumcised in order to be truly saved. Not so, says Paul. Paul taught about a circumcision not done “by human hands,” or of the flesh, but a circumcision of the heart, accomplished by the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the believer.

FREEDOM FROM HUMAN REGULATIONS VERSES 2:8-12

What are some examples of “hollow and deceptive philosophies, which depend on human tradition” (2:8)? What ways do they take people captive? Have any of these threatened to take you captive?

What did circumcision mean for the Israelites (See Genesis 17:9-14; Romans 2:25-29)?

What does Paul mean by a heart circumcised by God?

ALIVE WITH CHRIST VERSES 2:13-15

How does sin cause “death” in the life of a believer (2:13)?

How did God cancel our debt and make us “alive together with Him” (2:13-14)?

When Paul says Jesus made a “public spectacle of them” (2:15) he is alluding to the Roman practice of celebrating victory by parading around a defeated enemy to make them look foolish. What difference can it make in your daily living if you always remember Jesus’s resounding victory on the cross?

APPLICATION

Verse 7 of this passage talks about overflowing with gratitude. Focus your mind on the cross and the victory Jesus won for you there. Write down words or phrases describing what you’re thankful for and spend time expressing praise to God.

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Make a decision to remove all ideas, teachings, traditions, and people that draw you away from the person of Jesus and the truth of the Gospel! What will you do this week to ensure you continue to be rooted and built up in Christ?