

Colossians 2.6-15 – Alive, And Walking

Go On With The Gospel (vv. 6-7)

1. We Receive Jesus Christ As Lord **(Verse 6)**
 - a. Summary of Colossians 1.3-2.5
 - b. Jesus is the Son of God **(1.13)**
 - c. Jesus is the Image of God **(1.15)**
 - d. Jesus is the Mystery of God **(1.27)**
2. Continue, Remain, Abide In Christ Throughout Life
 - a. Believing + A Devotion to Apostolic Teaching
 - b. Faith in Christ and the Gospel Message
 - c. **See Colossians 1.9-10**
 - d. Remain Where You Are In Christ
3. The Nature of Walking With Jesus **(Verse 7)**
 - a. Agriculture Metaphor – Rooted in Christ
 - b. Architectural Metaphor – Built Up In Christ
 - c. Courtroom Metaphor – Established in Christ
 - d. Epaphras **(1.5-8)** Taught the Colossians
 - e. Have a Heart Full of Thanksgiving
 - f. God Roots You, Build You Up and Establishes You IN Christ; We Respond With Gratitude
 - g. God is at Work IN Christians – To Keep You and Grow You

Guard The Gospel (v. 8)

1. There is a Threat To The Christian Life: The World, The Flesh, The Devil
2. Captive = Military Term (Romans Generals Enslaved Those They Conquered as Plunder)
3. Watch Out For Competing False Religious Ideals With The Gospel
4. Gospel is From Heaven, False Teaching Is Manmade and Demonic
5. Elemental Spirits – False Teachers Proclaimed Access To God Through Angels (Access Is Through Jesus)

5. Examples of Misleading Philosophies in Our Day:
 - a. What does the Secular Relativist Say To Christians and Muslims?
 - b. What does the Pluralistic, Moral Relativist Say about Marriage Today?
6. Source of the Lie: The Father of Lies – Satan
7. Is It Loving To Withhold The Truth Of The Gospel From People Who Disagree Or Become Offended?

The Grounds For Why The Gospel Is Better (vv. 9-15)

1. Fullness of Fellowship With God **(Verses 9-12)**
 - a. Echoes Colossians 1.19
 - b. Christ Is Divine → Indwells Believers
 - c. You Are Filled With Christ Who Is Divine
 - d. Access To God Through Christ, Not Elemental Spirits
 - e. Circumcision Made Without Hands *IS* Salvation (Being Born Again)
 - f. What Has Happened To Jesus Has Happened To Believers (Death, Burial, Resurrection)
 - g. For The Christian, The Old Sinful Nature Has Been Replaced With A New Nature
2. Forgiveness **(Verses 13-14)**
 - a. We Were Once Dead, Now we Are Alive
 - b. Our Record of Debt Has Been Cancelled
 - c. God Is Holy and Just – Demands An Accounting
 - d. Jesus Was Our Substitute
3. Free In Christ **(Verse 15)**
 - a. Jesus Disarmed The Demonic Powers
 - b. At The Cross – Jesus Made Them A Spectacle
 - c. Satan Has No Claim and No Accusation Against Believers