

LESSON 5
COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

Review your memory verses.

Memorize Colossians 2:6.

Read Colossians 1 and 2 three times.

1. In Chapter 2, verse 6, Paul speaks of receiving Christ Jesus the Lord. What do each of these words each mean?

Christ –

Jesus –

Lord –

Read Colossians 2:6 and 7.

2. What does it mean to live your life (or walk) in Christ Jesus the Lord?

3. What specific elements are brought out in verse 7 that should be a part of the above process?

4. Why is gratitude necessary? What does it show?

5. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being low), how thankful (or grateful) are you? What hinders a thankful spirit in you? What promotes a thankful spirit?

6. How would your life change if you chose to overflow in gratitude?

Read Colossians: 2:8-15.

7. How can you distinguish true and false teachings?

8. In what ways are we complete in Christ? What is, and is not, included in that completion?

9. In what ways do people today teach or convey that having Christ is not enough?

10. What is Christ's relationship to all rule and authority? Why is this concept comforting?

Verses 11 and 12 contain some difficult concepts. Understanding a few terms helps. In the NASB the term *flesh* means *sinful nature*. The circumcision *of* Christ means *done by* Christ. *Baptism* in verse 12 may mean water baptism, in which case it would represent with this outward symbol the inward reality of being identified with Christ. The Scriptures teach in other passages that no one is saved by water baptism. Or, since the Greek word *baptisma* gives the sense of "the placing into," baptism here could mean the baptism effected by the Holy Spirit when through faith in Christ's work on the cross we are placed into Him.

11. From verses 11-15 try to decide how many things Christ has done for us. (Some are *main* ideas and some merely explanatory.) Explain each.

12. What practical truth for your life do you see in verses 11-15?

13. Choose one of the following to answer:

a) The hollow philosophies that tend to give me the most trouble are –

and I need to –

b) It is essential for me to remember that Christ has forgiven *all* my sins when –

c) Some of the situations where I want to see improvement in my gratitude level are –

and I can do this by remembering –

14. Using the truths Paul has told the Colossians (and us) in the passages we have studied so far, write a prayer of gratitude for some of the things God has done for you.