

ONE WITH CHRIST

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Colossians 2:6-15

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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, [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.

MAIN POINT: The foundation of Christian obedience is not the works we do, but the work that Christ has done on our behalf.

1) WALK IN CHRIST (vs. 6-7)

Christians first change by not changing.

Gal 3:2–5—[2] Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? [3] Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? [4] Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? [5] Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith...?

2) REJECT THE WORLD (v. 8)

Philosophy = love of wisdom.

Empty philosophy = folly that appears to be wise.

John 15:18–19—[18] “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. [19] If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

1 Cor 3:19-20—[19] For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” [20] and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

3) ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF CHRIST (vs. 9-15)

Filled in Christ

- Jesus is God in the flesh and we are in him.
 - All we need we find in Christ.
 - All power and authority he has, we have.

Baptized in Christ

Forgiven in Christ

Is 59:2

[2] but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.

God’s standards are so high, only the Son of God himself can meet them.

Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.
--Charitie Bancroft

Victorious in Christ

John 17:15, “I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one,” his prayer actually works. God

For the Christian it is possible to walk in Christ because God has united us with him, he has sealed us in him, he has forgiven us our sin in him, and given us power in him to have victory over Satan.