

III. **EXPERIENCE** THE TRUTH (2:9-15)

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

A. You are **complete** in Him (vs 9-10).

“And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.” John 1:16

B. You are **circumcised** in Him (v 11).

“but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.” Romans 2:29

C. You are **alive** in Him (vs 12-13).

“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4

D. You are **forgiven** in Him (v 14).

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” Ephesians 1:7

E. You are **victorious** in Him (v 15).

*“55 “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?”
56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.
57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” I Cor. 15:55-57*

CONCLUSION:

“FOLLOW ME”

The Gospels record Jesus making this statement 19 times.

Are You Following Christ?

#JESUS

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INTRODUCTION

A. In today’s society, we “follow”, post and tweet nearly everything, but are we pursuing the only One who calls us to follow him with our entire lives?

*“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”
Colossians 2:6-7*

Jesus plus nothing equals everything!!

B. In #Jesus, Following The Life Of Christ, we will explore the Bible book of Colossians and what it means to follow Christ both today and for eternity. This nine part series features the following messages:

April 5	Becoming A Follower Of Jesus
April 12	Why Follow Jesus
April 19	Following Jesus In Ministry
TODAY	Following Jesus In Truth
May 3	Following Jesus In Habits
May 10	Following Jesus In The Home
May 17	Following Jesus In The Workplace
May 24	Following Jesus In Prayer
May 31	Following Jesus In Relationships

This series is for everyone!

C. **TEXT:** Colossians 2:4-23 (Pew Bible/Pg. 206/New Test.)

FOLLOWING JESUS IN TRUTH

I. **GROW** IN THE TRUTH (2:4-7)

“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...” II Peter 3:18a

A. Grow like a **soldier** (vs 4-5).

“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” II Timothy 2:3

B. Grow like an **athlete** (v 6).

“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” I John 2:6

C. Grow like a **tree** (v 7a).

“For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.” Jeremiah 17:8

D. Grow like a **building** (v 7b).

“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,” Ephesians 2:20

E. Grow like a **student** (v 7c).

“A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,” Proverbs 1:5

F. Grow like a **river** (v 7d).

“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.” Hebrews 13:15

II. **AVOID** THE LIES (2:8, 16-23)

“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

John 8:44

A. Beware of false **philosophies** (v 8a).

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

James 1:5

B. Beware of humanistic **traditions** (v 8b).

*“5 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.
6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.”*

Proverbs 30:5-6

C. Beware of worldly **ways** (v 8c).

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:2