



JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

LIFE IN HIM



Colossians 2:6

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



**Colossians 2:6-7 is the
antidote to living religiously.**



A. The Gift



Colossians 2:6

So then, since you have received
Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.



Colossians 2:6

The Gospel: Is the announcement of
God's story centred and fulfilled in Jesus.



Trying to Earn Your Relationship with God Is Problematic



1. It Reduces Gospel Message



Colossians 2:6

I do what He asks. He is now obligated to give me blessings



2. It Reduces Jesus



Colossians 2:6

I want forgiveness. I want to escape hell. I want a clean conscience. He will give me what I need from Him if I give Him what He demands of me.



Colossians 2:6

Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord



Christ is the gift of the Gospel. This is a profoundly relational thing. Christ is not a cosmic retailer of abstract blessings to be bargained with and then moved on from. He is Himself the gift of God. He is Himself the precious possession of every believing heart and having Him, we may be satisfied and secure. You don't bargain with a Savior like that; you delight in Him and you serve Him gladly.



Good News: Through FAITH in Jesus, there is forgiveness of sins. Through the LOVE of Jesus, we are born into a new family and receive a new identity.



A. The Call



You have received the gift; you believe the Gospel. Now what?

The Gospel says, “God will bless you, has blessed you and brought you to Himself. Now then, here’s how to live.”

Indicative: *“Since then you have received Christ Jesus;” “as you have received Christ Jesus”*



Imperative: “So walk in Him”

Now that you have this relationship with Jesus,
live it out!

The whole of your Christian life is really nothing
more than living out the implications of your
relationship with Jesus. It's your life in Him.



1. Agricultural Metaphor



“rooted”



Psalm 16:5-9, 11

You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands. How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are! I praise the Lord, because he guides me, and in the night my conscience warns me. I am always aware of the Lord's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me.



Psalm 16:5-9, 11

And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure, because you protect me from the power of death. You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever.



2. Architectural Metaphor



“built up”



2 Corinthians 5:17

Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come



2. Legal Metaphor



“established”



God is saying, “I keep My promises. It’s a guarantee. The faith that you believe is a faith you can trust. And all My promises are sure.” That’s how you can go on. That’s how you can walk in Him. You can bank upon His promises and rely upon the faith “just as you have been taught.”



C. The Tools



1. The Word



Colossians 2:6-7

You received Christ Jesus the Lord... just as you were taught.



2. Discipline of Thanksgiving



We are to “walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, established in the faith, just as you were taught, **abounding in thanksgiving.**”



Counting your blessings will fire up gratitude and energize what is true instead of what is false about your life in Christ.

We have received in Jesus a great gift, a life changing call, and some wonderful tools to energize our relationship with Him.



