

Study Guide

COLOSSIANS

Always. Only. Jesus.

Jesus, Our Life | Colossians 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See 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. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having 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. ¹³And 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, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Introduction

What is your life about? That question could generate a lot of different answers. You might say your life is about family, work, charity, a hobby, or, in NWA, biking, kayaking, or golfing. You might even say your life is about Jesus and church.

But what if someone asked, "What is your life?"

In the past few weeks, we have found Jesus to be our hope, our redemption, our reconciliation, and our treasure. This Sunday, Colossians 2:6-15 reminds us that God has made us alive together with Jesus, so that Jesus is not only what our life is about, He is our life.

The BIG Idea: The Christian's life is
Always. Only. Jesus.

Walk in Christ (6-7)

Watch for Deceivers (8)

Why Always. Only. Jesus.?

1. You are filled in Christ (9-10).
2. You were buried with Christ and raised with Christ (11-12).
3. Your sins were forgiven in Christ (13-15).

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Let's Think About It

Thinking about walking in Christ (6-7):

What might walking in Christ look like practically in daily life?

What do the three metaphors — rooted, built up, and established — tell you about your connection to Christ and how you walk in Christ?

What is there to be thankful for in your Christian walk?

Thinking about watching for deceivers (8):

What are some human philosophies we might encounter today?

How can we distinguish between human traditions and gospel truth?

Thinking about why we are Always. Only. Jesus. (9-15):

What does it mean that the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily in Christ? What does Jesus' deity mean for your salvation and your Christian life?

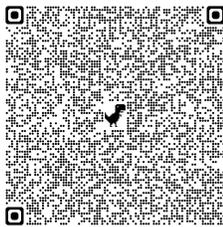
Buried with Christ, what are you dead to? Resurrected with Christ, what are you alive to?

How does Jesus victory over and disarming and disgracing of rulers and authorities change you you view fear, shame, and spiritual battles?

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John Piper



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Poem by C.T. (Charles) Studd



Have Thine Own Way Adelaide A. Pollard (1906)

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!