

Colossians 2:6–15 is especially good for discussion because Paul moves from **how we began with Christ, to how we continue with Christ, to what Christ accomplished for us.**

1. **Verse 6 says, "As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him."** How did we receive Christ—by works, effort, or faith? Give one verse to support your answer.
2. **Paul uses the pictures "rooted," "built up," and "established" in verse 7.** What does each picture teach us about spiritual growth? What helps a Christian develop deep roots?
3. **Why do you think Paul connects spiritual maturity with "abounding in thanksgiving"?** What does gratitude reveal about our spiritual condition?
4. **Verse 8 warns about being taken "captive" by philosophy and empty deceit.** What ideas in our culture today can slowly take Christians captive and pull their thinking away from Christ?
5. **How can we distinguish between an idea that sounds wise and one that is actually biblical?** What role should Scripture play in evaluating what our culture tells us is true? Romans 12:1-2
6. **Verses 9–10 say that the fullness of God dwells in Christ and that we have been made "complete" in Him.** What does it mean practically to believe that Christ is enough?

7. **Why are Christians sometimes tempted to add something to Christ—religious performance, rules, experiences, approval, or accomplishments—in order to feel spiritually complete?**
8. **Verses 11–13 describe a dramatic change: dead to alive.** What does Paul want us to understand about what happened to us when we came to Christ?
9. **Verse 13 says God has forgiven us "all" our trespasses.** How should understanding the completeness of God's forgiveness affect the way we deal with guilt from our past?
10. **Verse 14 pictures our debt being canceled and nailed to the cross.** What does that picture teach us about the finality of Christ's work? Why is it difficult for some Christians to believe their debt really has been paid?
11. **Verse 15 says Christ "disarmed the rulers and authorities."** What does the cross tell us about Christ's victory over Satan and the powers of evil?

The Christian life begins with Christ, continues in Christ, and is complete in Christ.

For Life Groups, I especially like questions **1, 4, 6, 9, and 10.**

Verse 12 mentions "baptism". Remind your LG group that the first step God commands us to take after salvation is water baptism by immersion.