



### Week 1

**Series:** Glorify God. Proclaim Christ. Make Disciples.

**Sermon Title:** Continue...

**Sermon Text:** Colossians 2:6-10

**Group Week of:** December 31, 2023

**Sermon Date:** January 7, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	The Reception of Christ – Col 1:3-8
Day 2	Rooted – Psalm 1
Day 3	Strengthen in Faith – James 1:2-12
Day 4	Hollow Philosophy – Col 2:16-23
Day 5	Fullness in Christ – Ephesians 1:15-22

### The Text: Colossians 2:6-10

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe Everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

<sup>6</sup>So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

<sup>9</sup>For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup>and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

### Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Paul through the Holy Spirit teaching the Colossians and us through this text?
- 2) What is the overarching exhortation in this passage – To “continue” or to “see that no one takes you captive”?
- 3) How does the fullness of Christ relate to hollow philosophies?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Looking back at this past year, what are some of the biggest areas of spiritual growth that you experienced?
  
- 2) Which of those things would you like to continue to emphasize this next year? Is there anything else you would like to grow in or learn more about?
  
- 3) When is the last time, as a Christian, you felt like you got “stuck” in your growth? How did God bring you through it?
  
- 4) The city of Colossae had been strongly influenced by Pythagoras and the Neo-Pythagoreans. They believed that to grow in the knowledge of the “divine” one had to abstain from certain things like wool and beans. (It sounds silly, but it was once very convincing for many people.) Paul says this is a “hollow and deceptive philosophy.” What similar hollow and deceptive philosophies do you hear from the world that are holding influence on the spiritual life of the American church?
  
- 5) Often when we plateau in the Christian life, we start looking for *something new* to spark our fire again. In that state, we can be easily tempted by a worldly philosophy that has been mixed with Christianity. Has this ever happened in your life? Have you ever seen this in the life of a fellow believer? Share your stories with your life group.
  
- 6) Paul wants the church to remember that in Christ they have everything they need. They don’t need something new. They need to continue in what they received at first. What gospel truths do you need to focus on this year (not new ones, but ones you already know)? Write them down below and share with your life group.
  
- 7) In an election year, we see many Christians get swayed by politicians and put their hope in something deceptive and hollow. What can you do to keep your own mind and heart guarded this year? What can you do to help those around you keep their minds and hearts guarded as well?
  
- 8) Key to “continuing” is overflowing thankfulness. Spend some time meditating on the gospel and write down the things you are most thankful for. Share them with your life group and give God praise in prayer.