

## God Time Day 1: Walk in Him



Read Colossians 2:6-7.

<sup>6</sup>So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

Would you describe your life as “*overflowing with gratitude*”? Why or why not?

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Above, circle any words that stand out to you about the organic nature of our connection to Christ. This verse is key to the whole book, because when we receive Christ as Lord, we will live in a way that reflects that belief (“*walk in him*”).

This same idea of a close connection with Christ appears in many different places throughout the New Testament. Read each passage before answering the questions below:

- John 15:4-5 - *Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.*
- 1 Corinthians 15:22 – *For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.*
- Galatians 5:16 - *I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh.*
- 1 John 1:7 - *If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*



List choices you make on a regular basis that are because you are “*in Christ*.”

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## God Time Day 2: Not Christ AND; Just Christ



Read Colossians 2:8.

*Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ.*

Paul wrote this letter to warn against combining faith in Christ with other, worldly ideas. Underline the words in the verse which describe sources of these ideas.

This human tendency can be seen all through the Bible and history. For example:

- The Israelites worshipped the local gods in addition to worshipping the Lord.
- Jesus had to explain how it was impossible to serve both God and money.
- Today we see people combining “Christianity” with patriotism (God and Country).

When you define who you are, does anything compete or “share the stage” with your commitment to Christ?

## God Time Day 3: Union With Christ



Read Colossians 2:9-10.

<sup>9</sup>For the entire fullness of God’s nature dwells bodily in Christ, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled by him, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

There are many “powers” that affect our lives: presidents, CEOs, judges, celebrities, experts, political parties, etc. Living in union with Christ lifts us above them because all the fullness of God comes to us through Him. He holds the power (*is the head*) over all worldly authorities.

Other than God, where do you tend to place your allegiance/loyalty?

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Is it crowding out the fullness of God in your heart? If so, how will you change this?

**God Time Day 4: Internal Identity**



Read Colossians 2:11-12, NCV

*<sup>11</sup>Also in Christ you had a different kind of circumcision, a circumcision not done by hands. It was through Christ's circumcision, that is, his death, that you were made free from the power of your sinful self. <sup>12</sup>When you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and you were raised up with him through your faith in God's power that was shown when he raised Christ from the dead.*



Rewrite these verses in your own words:

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Re-read Colossians 2:6-12 (Days 1-4 of this week). When we are "in Christ," we let go of the world's definitions about who we are. The world's powers lose their grip on us, and we discover a new life by faith. Our identity and value rest secure in what God says about us. This truth changes the way we live and the choices we make.

If you have been in Christ much of your life, it can be easy to lose sight of how great this change is. We often start living as if our identity rests upon our history and choices rather than in what Christ has done in and for us. Spend some time reflecting on where your life might have gone without Him.

If you are new in Christ, rejoice in this change and devote yourself to growing deeper in your faith. Hold onto the truth of who you are because of Him.

If you are not in Christ or uncertain if you are, ask for help.

A great Christian resource to use is [GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org).



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**God Time Day 5: We Get God!**



Read Colossians 2:13-15.

*<sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses. <sup>14</sup>He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him.*

In case anyone had forgotten or didn't know, Paul restates the good news in this passage.

Underline the words which describe our situation before Jesus came to save us.

Circle the actions He performed on our behalf.

Put into your own words what Christ did regarding the world powers which had held us in slavery.

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Reread Colossians 2:9-10 from Day 3.

How would you define what it means to be "filled by Him?"

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If your life is truly being filled by God in Christ, how much room will there be for things which pull us away from Him?

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What will you do now to re-immersede yourself in all that Christ means to those who trust in Him? (E.g., join a 4G Group, Agape Group, or Fireteam: [cbcfamily.net/groups](http://cbcfamily.net/groups))

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Expressing our thankfulness is a first step and a result of this new life. Do others see this in you enough to ask why?