

IN CHRIST

"YOU HAVE BEEN FILLED IN HIM"

COLOSSIANS 2:10



2020 Campers,

I can't wait to dive into the book of Colossians with you this week! As I have prepared to study this book with you, the Lord has taught me so much through these words. GET PUMPED to hear some life-changing truth from God's Word!

My prayer for this study is that God would use it to help you understand how much He loves you. He gave His life so that you, exactly as you are, may be **filled in Him** (Col. 2:10)!

One of the coolest things about the Bible is that you have access to it all the time! I hope you fall in love with God's Word this week and continue to dive into it when you go home. We live by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4)!

Just a note as you read: The translation referenced throughout this study is ESV (unless otherwise noted), but whatever translation of the Bible you have is still God's Word!

Let's dive in!

In Him,
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MEMORY VERSES

Monday

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

- Colossians 1:19

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

And you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

- Colossians 2:10

Thursday

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

- Colossians 3:3

Friday

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Colossians 3:17

ABOUT COLOSSIANS

What is Colossians?

A letter

Who wrote Colossians?

The Apostle Paul

- Paul used to persecute Christians, but now he is preaching the gospel! Read about it in Acts 9:1-19.
- When he wrote this letter, Paul was in prison for preaching the gospel.

Who did he write it to?

Christians in a small town called Colossae

- The church in Colossae was begun about 5 years before Paul wrote this letter
- A man named Epaphras started the church in Colossae. Epaphras had heard the gospel from Paul and brought it back to Colossae.

What was Colossae like at the time?

The town of Colossae had become a “belief buffet.” There were many different beliefs being taught, and it was common for people to pick only the practices that looked good to them. The Christians had been faithful but were being pulled away by false teachings.

When did he write it?

Around 62 C.E.

- About 30 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus

Why did he write it?

- To warn the Colossians against popular false teachings
- To encourage them with the truth of the gospel

Why is it still important?

If we zoom out, we’re a lot like the Colossians. Many of us have also started to believe lies and pursued things of this world apart from Christ. Paul’s letter reminds us of what is true: that apart from Christ we are lost and helpless, but **in Christ**, we are alive and complete. **In Him**, we have a new identity and a new way of life!

HOW TO HAVE A QUIET TIME

Every day this week we will have a few minutes of what we call “Connection.” This is just a fun way of saying “spending time in God’s Word.” The coolest part of Connection is that it doesn’t have to stop when you leave camp. We want to help you learn how to spend time in God’s Word this week, so you can keep it up when you get home!

1. **Time:** Find a time of day that works for you. In the morning is a great time – it starts off your day spending time with God! Jesus rose early in the morning – why not you, too? (I like this time of day because no one is texting me yet, so I’m not distracted by anything.) The best question here is “what time of day do you have the most control over?” This is probably the best time.
2. **Place:** Find a quiet place with little to no distractions if you can. Find a chair or something to sit on that is comfortable – but not so comfortable that you fall asleep!
3. **Pray:** Begin by praying that God would open your eyes and heart to what He wants to teach you today. (Psalm 119:18)
4. **Read:** Open the Bible and read! There are a TON of great Bible reading plans online that give you different verses to read each day. If you don’t know where to start, go to the book of John and go from there.
5. **Process:** If you like to write or want to process what you read, get a journal or blank piece of paper and jot down verses that jumped out to you. A lot of the time, these verses may be what God wants to teach you today!
6. **Memorize:** Pick a verse or passage you want to memorize for that week. God tells us that it’s important to hide his Word in our heart! It helps me to take a verse or passage and memorize one per week. (You’ll have the chance to memorize five verses this week.)
7. **Pray:** Pray for your day. Pray for people on your mind or heart. Pray for certain situations in your life you may be worried about. Pray and thank God for things you are thankful for! You can write these down in your journal. It’s fun to look back a few weeks or months later and see how God answered some of your prayers!

8. Go: Get up and apply what you read in the Bible to your day!

This is what works for me and is not the only way to do a quiet time – but hopefully it helps you in your journey to grow with God.

- *Philly*

MONDAY: **FULLNESS OF GOD** IN CHRIST

Colossians 1:1-23

Memory Verse: *For in him all the **fullness of God** was pleased to dwell.*
(Col. 1:19)

Icebreaker

Some of the best stories (whether they're sweet, hilarious, or just awkward) start with, "I just got asked on a date!" (Or maybe, "I just asked someone on a date!") Any time I've heard someone say those words, one common question has followed every time. Not "are you excited?" Not "what did they say?" Sometimes not even "What's their name?" Nine times out of ten, the immediate follow-up question is, "What's their Instagram?"

This might not be the most important question, but it says a lot about us. We want to know about people before we have a relationship with them! What are they like? Do we have mutual friends? What do they look like? Do we have anything in common? And what we find out about this person usually affects our feelings and actions toward them.

While I've found that Instagram is a pretty bad indicator of what someone is really like, this same idea is true with Jesus. You probably have some idea of who Jesus is. But before you commit to a relationship with him, you want to know what He's like. And the more you find out, the more you'll understand how to feel and act toward him.

That's what we're going to talk about today: Who is Jesus? While we can't pull up his Instagram profile, we do have access to a letter written about him to the Christians in Colossae.

As a cabin, talk about a time you've stalked someone's social media account. Have you ever accidentally liked a picture you didn't mean to?

Pray

Read

Colossians 1:1-23

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you about this passage?

Imagine if you randomly got a letter from someone who heard about your faith and was encouraged by it! That's essentially how the Colossians would have felt when they started reading Paul's letter. In verses 1-8, he begins his letter to the church at Colossae by encouraging them.

2. What two things does Paul extend to the Colossians in verse 2?

Out of everything he could have said, why do you think he picked grace and peace?

3. In verse 5, Paul talks about "the word of truth, the gospel." What do you think he's talking about?

(We'll be talking about this a lot this week!)

4. The Colossians at this time believed that a lot of different messages were "words of truth." Some of them believed they could be saved by trying to be perfect or by knowing everything. Some of them believed in astrology and spiritual signs in the stars. Some of them figured they would never get it right, so why even try? They would just sin and not care.

What are some false messages our world believes today?

5. Fill in the blank from the end of verse 6: "...understood the _____ of God in truth..."

Of all the attributes of God he could pick, why do you think Paul focuses on grace?

In verses 9-14, Paul tells the Colossians that he and Timothy are praying for them, even though they have never met them! He doesn't stop there, but tells them what he is praying for them.

6. What are some things Paul is praying for these people?
7. Who are some people you're praying for? What are you praying for them?
8. Fill in the blank from verse 11: "May you be strengthened with all power, according to _____ glorious might"
- What is Paul saying about where true power comes from- God or yourself?
9. Verses 12-14 talk about two different domains, or kingdoms. What are the differences between them?
10. According to verse 13, how do we get from the domain of darkness to the Kingdom of Jesus?

11. God has delivered you from the domain of darkness!!

What kinds of darkness has God delivered you specifically from?

Do you ever wonder who Jesus Christ really was? Verses 15-20 tell us a lot about him. Let's take a look!

12. What do you learn about Jesus from verses 15-20?

13. Look at verse 15. Now read Hebrews 1:3: *"He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high."*

What are these verses saying about Jesus?

14. Verse 16 finishes, *"all things were created through him and for him."*

What does this tell you about the purpose of your life?

15. Digging Deeper: Held Together

Verse 17 says, *"in him all things hold together."* Remember that Paul is writing these words from prison! Even in severe trials, he can still say that God is holding all things together. Paul knew God's Word is true—that He keeps His promises, even when it might not look like it.

Christian author Elisabeth Elliot put it this way: "We are not for one moment of our lives at the mercy of chance."

What are some things in your life right now that don't feel held together? Pray that God would help you believe, like Paul, that He is holding *all* things together.

16. Verse 18 says Jesus is the head of the church (in other words, all Christians). Who is the head of your life? Yourself? Another person? Or Jesus?
17. The NET translation finishes verse 18 this way: “...so that he himself may become first in all things.” Sheesh! What do you think it looks like for Christ to be first in your life?
18. According to verse 19, who is Jesus?

19. Digging deeper: Peace

Verse 20 ends with “...making peace by the blood of his cross” (Precept Austin). Paul talks about **peace** a lot in Colossians (see also Col. 3:15). Sometimes we can get the wrong idea when it comes to peace, so let’s look at what it really means.

The word for peace in this verse (**eirene**) comes from the Greek word **eiro**, which means “to join or bind together that which has been separated... Eirene signifies a harmonious relationship and is not merely the absence of war.”

It can be easy to think of peace as a green meadow or a still sea - as the absence of difficulty or conflict. Sometimes we think peace is just a feeling of being at ease. But verse 20 tells us that Jesus made peace *by the blood of his cross*. **Peace is a state of harmony**, which does not always come at a cheap cost. Jesus gave his life on a bloody cross to be at peace with us.

Think about someone in your life you do not have peace with. Looking at the example of Jesus, do you think it is worth it to fight for peace? How can you do that?

In verse 21-23, Paul shifts from talking about Jesus to talking directly to the Colossians. Let's look at what he says about them. If you are a Christian, his words apply to you, too!

20. Verse 21 says we were alienated from God, or strangers, because of our evil deeds. How do people treat strangers?

21. But there is a big contrast in verse 22! Paul says we are now holy and blameless! How is this change possible?

22. If Christ has made us blameless, is there any sin we haven't been forgiven for?

Big Idea: To wrap up your discussion, let's look back at the passage we read in Connection this morning (Matthew 16:13-20) and read it as a group.

Now take a couple minutes by yourself to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?"

(You can use this space to write out your answer)

TUESDAY CONNECTION

READ

Matthew 4:1-11

PROCESS

- What does this passage tell you about God?
- What is God doing in this passage?
- Based on what you learned from this passage, what false beliefs might you have about God and yourself?
- What can you do today (through the power of the Holy Spirit) to apply this passage?

PRAY

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM STAFF

This passage makes it evident that Jesus did not fall into temptation here on earth, although he was tempted in every way. He was rooted in truth, which allowed him to fight the devil's schemes. If we have accepted Jesus and put our faith in Him, we have this truth in us and can recognize the temptations that the enemy is throwing our way. That is why it is so important for us to know the truth by talking with God and reading His word. This also makes it clear that we have a God that was tempted in every way yet did not fall into it and can RELATE to us- How cool is that?!

-YOLT

MORE: Psalm 1

Today we'll be talking a lot about what we are rooted in. Psalm 1 talks about being rooted in the way of sinners vs. being rooted in God's Word.

What did you learn from this passage?

TUESDAY: **ROOTED AND BUILT UP** IN CHRIST

Colossians 1:24-2:8

Memory Verse: *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. (Col. 2:6-7)*

Icebreaker

A few years ago, my sister went home with her boyfriend to meet his family. To prepare her for this occasion, he had told her his grandpa had a hard time hearing and that she would need to speak to him loudly, slowly, and with exaggerated hand motions. When she met him, she did exactly that. And she looked like a fool because the grandfather could, in fact, hear perfectly.

After too many awkward minutes, her boyfriend explained that he was kidding. He just wanted to make her look like a fool in front of his family. While he was amused, my sister was so embarrassed.

I love a good embarrassing story about my sister, but she learned a helpful lesson in this story: **What we believe matters**. And when we believe anything other than the truth, it leads us astray and can often put us to shame.

Whether we realize it or not, we build our lives on what we believe is true. Paul understood this and warned the Colossians not to build their lives on anything but the gospel.

Has someone ever played a prank on you? Take a minute to talk about it as a cabin.

Pray

Read

Colossians 1:24-2:8

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you about this passage?
2. What did we talk about yesterday? How does it relate to today's passage?
3. Circle the phrase "in him/Christ" any time it appears in the passage. What are some of the words that come before "in him"?
4. Why do you think Paul chose to include "in him" so many times?

In verse 24, Paul starts talking about suffering, a common experience for Christians who preach the gospel. But he doesn't say what we might expect. Let's take a closer look:

5. Looking at the beginning of verse 24, what attitude does Paul have about suffering?

6. Digging Deeper: Rejoicing in Suffering

When we suffer, we usually don't think to rejoice. But Jesus had a different idea about suffering for the gospel. Check out Matthew 5:10-12 to see what He said:

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Jesus and Paul both talk about *rejoicing* in suffering!

Pastor and writer Warren Wiersbe says this about Paul's suffering: *"He could have been spared a great deal of suffering. But he could not abandon his calling just for personal safety and comfort"* (Wiersbe, 76).

Paul knew what God had called him to. God was not surprised that his plan for Paul involved prison. In fact, suffering was an important part of God's plan for Paul. What might God be calling you to? Have you let safety and comfort keep you from obeying?

7. Look at verse 25. Did Paul earn his position as a minister/servant, or was it given to him?

Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16, also written by Paul.

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life."

If God can use the foremost of sinners to preach the gospel, what does that tell you about how He can use you?

8. Digging Deeper: The Mystery

What do you think of when you hear the word "mystery"? Paul isn't talking about solving a case or cracking a code. He is simply referring to something that people did not know for a long time. For centuries, God had made promises of a king who would come and reign forever, but no one knew what this really meant until Jesus actually came to earth. Check out this example of God's promises:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." -Isaiah 9:6

Has anyone ever asked you to watch them do a card trick? Your first thought was probably "**how** will they do it?" That's essentially how the Israelites felt before Jesus came. God had made them a promise, they

just didn't know how He would fulfill it. Jesus is the how! Knowing that, let's take another look at verses 26-27.

9. Fill in the blank: "To them God chose to make known how great among the_____ are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is _____
_____, the hope of glory."
10. According to the first blank, who did God want to know the mystery?
(We'll talk about why this was a big deal in a minute.)
11. According to the second blank, what is the mystery?
12. What do you think it means that Christ is "the hope of glory" (1:27)?
How does that make you feel?

Christ in you is the mystery! In other words, this secret is the gospel: that God's son came down to earth to save sinners (John 3:16), and when He left, He sent His Spirit to live *in* anyone who believes in Him (John 14:16-17)—whether they're Jews or Gentiles. This was unheard of at this time! Why? Because up until Jesus came, the Gentiles didn't know God. They were totally lost. But now Paul is explaining that God can live *in all people*!

13. It's safe to say the Jews (who were historically God's chosen people) were not big fans of the Gentiles. In fact, the Gentiles were treated as the total rejects of the church. But now Paul is saying that Jesus is for everyone.

How would that make you feel if you were a Jew?

14. How would you feel if you were a Gentile?

15. Verse 28 says, “*Him we proclaim...*” If you’re being honest, what does your life proclaim? Christ or yourself?
16. Look at verse 29. Where does Paul get the energy to persevere?

Chapter 2 picks up right where chapter 1 left off: Paul talking about how badly he wants the Colossians to be encouraged. Let’s look at some of the ways he encourages them.

17. In verse 2, why do you think Paul uses the word “riches” to describe understanding the mystery of Christ?
18. According to verse 4, why might Paul be reminding them where the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are truly found?
19. What are some messages the world has tried to tell you? How do you think Paul’s words in verse 4 apply to you?
20. In verse 5, Paul tells the Colossians he is with them. Can you think of a time you were facing temptation and someone reminded you that you weren’t alone? How did it affect you?

Now that Paul has established what is really true, he begins to build on that foundation in verse 6...

21. In verse 6, Paul acknowledges that the Colossians received Jesus. What does he tell them to do now?

22. Paul uses the word “rooted” in verse 7. Thinking of actual roots (yes, like on a plant), what do you think it means to be *rooted* in Christ? Are roots always something you can see?
23. He then uses the phrase “built up.” Thinking of an actual building, what does it mean to be *built up* in Christ? Can you build something without a solid foundation (or roots)?
24. Read verses 7 and 8 together. Both verses talk about having your roots in something, but there is a huge contrast in them. What are the different roots Paul contrasts in these verses?
25. Paul warns us again in verse 8 to not buy into “human traditions.” But how do we practically do this when we are surrounded by messages that aren’t the truth? Paul talks about this again in Romans 12:2:
- “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*
- According to this verse, how can you avoid being conformed to this world? What tools has God given you to renew your mind?

Big Idea: To wrap up your discussion, let's look back at the passage we read in Connection this morning (Matthew 4:1-11) and read it as a group.

Now take a couple minutes by yourself to answer this question:

How did Jesus respond to temptation? What was He rooted in?

(You can use this space to write out your answer)

The same roots that helped Jesus stand against temptation (God's promises) are available to you, too! Pray that God would help you be *rooted and built up in Him*.

WEDNESDAY CONNECTION

READ

Ephesians 2:1-10

PROCESS

- What does this passage tell you about God?
- What is God doing in this passage?
- Based on what you learned from this passage, what false beliefs might you have about God and yourself?
- What can you do today (through the power of the Holy Spirit) to apply this passage?

PRAY

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM STAFF

Our God's kindness draws us closer to Him! We could spend our whole lives striving to be better than the people around us and never understand this truth: God has redeemed us because he loves us greatly. We are saved because His love is great– not because we did something great! It is a relief that we simply have to believe in the gospel to receive eternal life. If we have faith, we do not need to worry that we are not good enough for heaven. Our love for God leads us to obedience. Our love for God makes it our pleasure to do good works for His glory!

-Dubz

MORE: Romans 5:6-11

Today we'll be talking a lot about what fills us– what makes us enough. Romans 5:6-11 says a lot about what we bring to the table apart from Christ.

What did you learn from this passage?

WEDNESDAY: **FILLED** IN CHRIST

Colossians 2:9-23

Memory Verse: *And you have been **filled** in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. (Col. 2:10)*

Icebreaker

If you were to visit the house I grew up in, you would see hideous artwork displayed in almost every room. Why? Because my sisters and I each took ten years of art class in school.

As an adult, I am a horrendous artist. So you can imagine how tragic my artwork was when I was little. I remember one year in particular, we were making sculptures in art class. It was right before Mother's Day, so, naturally, I decided I was going to give my mom a sculpture of herself for her gift!

I thought this would be the greatest gift ever. I had worked so hard for such a long time. I shaped and reshaped my clay and blended the paint colors just right. I was so proud of this thing. And I could not wait for the moment I would present my mom with this treasure I'd worked so hard on.

Long story short, my mom should get an Oscar for her reaction. That thing was hideous, but she kindly pretended to love it. Only recently did I rediscover this "sculpture" and realize how horribly offensive it must have been to my mother. It was so ugly. While my mom was gracious and acted like it was beautiful, I now realize I spent a lot of time and effort on something she ultimately didn't want.

Sometimes we operate in a similar way with God. We work so hard trying to shape ourselves into something we think God will want and approve of. We can spend all our effort and all our years trying to present ourselves perfect before God, but ultimately that isn't what He wants.

In today's passage, Paul is explaining the same concept to the Colossians: It's not about how hard you work or how good you are; you are not acceptable to God because of anything you do. Colossians 2 and 3 help us understand what actually makes us enough, or, in Paul's words, what fills us.

Did you ever take an art class as a kid? Tell your cabin about your worst work of art.

Pray

Read

Colossians 2:9-23

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you about this passage?
2. What did we talk about yesterday? How does it relate to today's passage?
3. Circle the phrase "in/with him" any time it appears in the passage. Why do you think it doesn't say "in yourself"?

Remember, Paul has just warned the Colossians against buying into "human traditions" in verse 8. But what exactly are these traditions? This explanation might help us understand:

"...the false teachers in Colossae did not ask the believers to forsake Christ. They asked them to make Christ a part of [their traditions]" (Wiersbe, 90).

This was happening in two ways in Colossae:

- One group was worshipping Jesus in addition to a bunch of other Roman gods.
- Another group taught that it wasn't enough to believe in Jesus; you also had to fulfill the law in order to be saved.

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Keep these false teachings in mind as we take a closer look at verses 9-15!

4. Remember what we read in Colossians 1 on Monday: "...so that he himself may become **first** in all things" (Col. 1:18, NET).

According to this truth, what is wrong with the false teachers' messages?

5. Does verse 9 remind you of one of your memory verses? Which one?
6. What do you think it means to be “filled in Christ” (v. 10)?
7. If it’s true that “*you have been filled in him,*” do you need anything else to be saved?
8. Is there anything in your life besides Jesus you think can save you? If so, what?
9. Is there anything in your life besides Jesus you think can satisfy you? If so, what?

10. Digging Deeper: Filled to the Top

The Greek word used for “filled” here is *plēroō*, which means to *fill to the top: so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure, fill to the brim; to complete*. (Blue Letter Bible)

Do you ever fear that when God looks at you, He’ll find that you’re not enough?

This verse says otherwise! When you give your life to Christ, you are *complete* in him! His Spirit lives in you and has filled you. You are saved not by your performance, but by the perfect blood of Jesus. And you don’t need to add *anything* to that– no good works, rituals, or accomplishments.

What are some ways you can remember the truth that you have been *filled to the top* in Christ?

11. “Circumcision” in those days was another way to say “following the law.” In verses 11-12, Paul is basically saying you can’t be saved by following the law, but you are saved only through faith in Jesus! Do you ever find yourself thinking you can earn eternal life by your obedience and good works? How so?
12. What do you think “dead in your trespasses” means in verse 13?
13. God promises in verse 13 that He has forgiven all our trespasses! Do you ever think you’ve done something unforgivable? Talk about it with your cabin.

14. Digging Deeper: Forgiveness

Verse 14 says God canceled our record of debt. Paul is referring to the payment we owe for everything we’ve ever done wrong– that means every time you have lied, hurt someone, watched something you shouldn’t have, cursed, boasted, made God your last priority, etc. *He canceled it all!*

What do you think this means for when someone wrongs *you*? As humans, we feel entitled to justice and revenge when someone hurts us. But because Jesus forgave our biggest and ugliest sins, we are empowered to do the same for others. Who do you need to forgive? Keep in mind that God’s forgiveness doesn’t mean all of our sins are suddenly okay. They are still sin, but they are paid for and “*nailed to the cross*” (v. 14)! Forgiveness doesn’t mean sin is okay, but it does mean treating the person who hurt you like their sin has been paid for, because it has!

Verse 16 starts a shift from talking about our “vertical” relationship with Jesus to talking about our “horizontal” relationships with others. Let’s look at some ways our relationship with Jesus affects our relationships with others.

15. In your own words, what do you think Paul is saying in verses 16-19?

16. Like the Colossians, it can be easy to let other people “pass judgment” on us– to listen to what they want us to do, rather than what God wants us to do.

What are some standards you feel like other people might have for you?

17. Are they standards that God has for you?

18. This quote might help us better understand the message Paul is trying to get across:

“The person who judges a believer because that believer is not living under Jewish laws is really judging Jesus Christ. He is saying that Christ did not finish the work of salvation on the cross, and that we must add something to it” (Wiersbe, 100).

Do you ever find yourself thinking this same way?

19. Verses 16-17 are basically saying that traditions and rules are not what matter most. What do they say does matter most?
20. Verse 18 talks about *asceticism*, which was the practice of self-denial and self-harm for the purpose of trying to seem disciplined and spiritual. Read what Paul says about this practice in verse 23. Can good works or severe discipline save you?
21. In verse 19, where does Paul say growth comes from? How is that different from where everyone else was saying growth comes from?
22. Paul asks a great question in verse 20: *"If you have died with Christ to the elemental spirits of the world, why do you submit to them as though you lived in the world?"* (NET)
- What is your answer to his question? Why do you submit to the world's rules?

Big Idea: To wrap up your discussion, let's look back at the passage we read in Connection this morning (Ephesians 2:1-10) and read it as a group.

Now take a couple minutes by yourself to answer this question:

What fills you? The finished work of Jesus or your own efforts?

(You can use this space to write out your answer)

You can rest in the freedom that you don't have to be perfect. You are not made full by your own efforts, but by the finished work of Jesus!

THURSDAY CONNECTION

READ

Galatians 4:1-10

PROCESS

- What does this passage tell you about God?
- What is God doing in this passage?
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- What can you do today (through the power of the Holy Spirit) to apply this passage?

PRAY

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM STAFF

How cool is it that when we choose Jesus, we are a part of his family, and He is our perfect father! The King of the universe knows you completely AND loves and likes you so greatly He bought YOU (yes, you) with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20). It is exhausting chasing the temporary “joys” the world offers. God’s riches are not temporary. They don’t hurt us, exhaust us, or disappoint us. This passage reminds me of the freedom and rest there is in following Jesus, and I’m thankful for it!

-Toe

MORE: Matthew 4:18-22

Today we’ll be talking a lot about how we have a new identity in Christ and how that should affect the way we live. In Matthew 4:18-22, we see these men abandon their old lives when Jesus calls them to follow Him.

What did you learn from this passage?

THURSDAY: **HIDDEN** IN CHRIST

Colossians 3:1-11

Memory Verse: *For you have died, and your life is **hidden** with Christ in God. (Col. 3:3)*

Icebreaker

One of the most iconic Disney movies (with the most iconic soundtrack) is Aladdin. I've played *A Whole New World* so many times that it's totally ruined for the rest of my family. Anyone else think they could have a pet tiger as a kid?

Aside from its epic soundtrack and eventful storyline, I think I love Aladdin so much because it resonates with another story– mine– where the beggar who has nothing to offer is transformed into the child of a king. Think about it! Aladdin becomes a prince overnight, and everything about his life is suddenly different. He wears new clothes. He has everything he needs. He's not alone anymore. He has a totally new identity! The old Aladdin is dead, and his new identity is Prince Ali.

Life as a Christian is surprisingly similar. As a follower of Jesus, the old, sinful version of you is dead, and you have a new identity as a child of God! Just like Aladdin, when you have a new identity, you live differently. Aladdin no longer focused on the things of his old life– how to run away from those he'd robbed or how to talk his way out of trouble. His mind became fixed on matters of his new kingdom. **His old actions did not suit his new identity.**

Paul explains this same idea in his letter to the Colossians. He tells them their old way of life does not suit their new identity. After all, why would royalty ever go back to the ways of a street rat?

Take a minute as a cabin to talk about your favorite movie as a kid!

Pray

Read

Colossians 3:1-11

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you about this passage?
2. What did we talk about yesterday? How does it relate to today's passage?

In a minute, Paul will get into specific instructions for the Colossians (and all Christians), but he starts by reminding them of the truth of who they are. This should tell us something about the importance of *who we are over what we do*. Our actions are based on our identity– not the other way around. Let's see what Paul says in verses 1-2.

3. What is the first thing Paul reminds them of in verse 1?
(*"you have been..."*)
4. What does he tell them to do in light of that?
5. If Christ is seated above (v. 1), what do you think are "the things above"?
6. How can you seek those things?
7. Verse 2 takes it a step farther by telling us not just to seek, but also to "set our minds on things that are above." What do you think that means?

8. Digging Deeper: Set your mind on things that are above

Imagine what life would be like if you were constantly thinking about God— if you woke up and your mind immediately started concentrating on Jesus. Do you think it would be easier or harder to step into sin?

Paul talks about this idea again in 2 Corinthians 4:17-18:

“For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

Eternal glory makes our troubles look smaller, our temptations look unappealing, and our triumphs look unworthy of boasting in. The things we can see now will not last, but the kingdom of God will last forever! Pray that God will help you look to Him above the things of earth.

9. Think about a time you set your mind on “things that are on earth” (maybe it was drama at school, your clothes, sports, your reputation, social media, etc.).

How did thinking about that make you feel? Was it worth focusing on?

10. Verse 3 starts with the word “for.” Paul is telling the Colossians why they should set their minds on things above. What is the reason?

11. Another translation of the Bible puts verse 3 in these words: “Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God.” (MSG)

What do you usually think of as your real life— your life on earth or your eternal life?

12. What do you think it means that your life is “hidden with Christ in God”?

13. Check out Paul’s words in Galatians 2:20:

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Based on this verse and what you read in Colossians, who does your life belong to?

14. How might that change the way you think about your identity?

15. Remember everything we read on Monday about who Jesus is? *The creator, the beginning, the head, first in everything, the fullness of God* (Col. 1:15-20)! That is who your life is hidden in! Your new identity is totally tied to *Him*. If you’re honest, do you see yourself that way?

Paul has just said, “This is your identity! You are filled in Christ and hidden with Him!” That ought to pump us up! Can’t you imagine the Colossians being pumped to live this new life in Christ, but not really knowing what to do next? Starting in verse 5, Paul kindly gives them some guidance for living like their new, real selves– in Christ! His words apply to us, too.

16. Think about all the times we’ve seen the phrase “in Him” in Colossians thus far. In verse 5, we see the first use of the phrase “in you.” What does it say is in us? How does it compare to what is in Christ?

Doesn’t that make you thankful that we are filled in *Christ* and not ourselves?

17. What are some of the earthly things Paul says are in us? Can you relate to any of them?

18. Digging Deeper: Sexual Immorality

Three of the five things Paul lists in verse 5 have to do with sexual sin. A lot of Christians don't like talking about this topic, but this verse ought to tell us a couple things: that sexual sin is a temptation for most everyone (even Christians), and that God considers it a big deal that is worth addressing.

Is there sexual sin in your life that you need to put to death? If so, know that many Christians can relate to you, and consider talking to your counselor about it. He/she is here to listen and needs just as much grace as you do. James 1:16 says, "*Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.*" Your old actions do not suit your new identity in Christ!

19. If "the wrath of God is coming" on account of those earthly things (v. 6), God is being *kind* and saving us from punishment by telling us to put them to death. How do you usually respond to correction? Do you see it as kindness?
20. In verses 8-9, Paul lists six more earthly things to "put away." The first three are sins of attitude (which means they might not always be seen): *anger, wrath, and malice*. Which of these do you struggle with most?
21. The next three things are sins of speech: *slander, obscene talk, and lying*. Which of these do you struggle with most?

22. Paul uses the metaphor of clothing in verses 9 and 10 by saying “put off” and “put on.” Think back to the story of Aladdin. What do you think he did with his “street rat” clothes once he became a prince?

23. What practical steps can your cabin take together to help each other put your “street rat clothes” away?

24. Fill in the blank from verse 10: “...which is being renewed in _____ *after the image of its creator.*”

Paul is saying we start to look more like God through knowing Him. What are some ways you can get to know God better?

25. In verse 11, Paul mentions all different kinds of people: both the bad and the good, the included and the excluded, the high and the low. But what does he say at the end of the verse?

26. How should this change the way you see those who are different from you?

27. Paul is basically saying that *in Christ*, there are no barriers! Remember, God has called our minds to be set on things that are above– the common ground of our identity *in Christ*! What are some barriers that divide people today?

Pray that God would help you see everyone according to their identity in Him!

Big Idea: To wrap up your discussion, let's look back at the passage we read in Connection this morning (Galatians 4:1-10) and read it as a group.

Now take a couple minutes by yourself to answer this question: What is your identity? (In other words, *who* are you?)

(You can use this space to write out your answer)

Our memory verse for today is a great way to answer this question. (*For you have died, and your life is **hidden** with Christ in God. -Col. 3:3*) Pray that God would help you believe your true identity is hidden in Christ!

FRIDAY CONNECTION

READ

Acts 9:1-22 (Note: Saul's name would later become Paul - sound familiar?)

PROCESS

- What does this passage tell you about God?
- What is God doing in this passage?
- Based on what you learned from this passage, what false beliefs might you have about God and yourself?
- What can you do today (through the power of the Holy Spirit) to apply this passage?

PRAY

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM STAFF

This passage reminds me of the hymn, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" which says, "And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." Before Christ, Saul was blind—literally a slave to darkness. Once he was filled with the Holy Spirit, he was given a new identity with eyes to see that Christ is King! He spent the rest of his life looking to Jesus and preaching His word! When we turn our eyes to sin, we will never find what we are looking for. Never. It's just darkness! When we look to God, we will find that He is all we need every time!

-Trips

MORE: Ephesians 6:10-20

Today we'll be talking about what "clothing"—or conduct—we should put on as people who have been saved by Jesus. Ephesians 6:10-20 talks about the suit of armor Christians should wear to "stand against the schemes of the devil."

What did you learn from this passage?

FRIDAY: **DO EVERYTHING** IN CHRIST

Colossians 3:12-4:6

Memory Verse: *And whatever you do, in word or deed, **do everything** in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:17)*

Icebreaker

The start of a new school year usually means taking inventory of your closet. Especially when you're a little kid, the clothes you wore last year often don't fit anymore, which means back-to-school shopping! I don't know about you, but, growing up, I looked forward to back-to-school shopping all year. And the item at the top of my list was always the same: shoes. Specifically pink sandals. My mom would take my sisters and me to get a new pair of pink sandals every year, and I lived for it!

One pair in particular outshone them all. I vividly remember thinking they were the coolest shoes on earth. They were pink and shiny and had tiny flowers around the edges. I loved them so much I wore them practically everywhere except to bed.

Now, of course, I realize those sandals were ugly and cheap, but they were my crowning jewel as a 6-year-old. When I got those shoes, I quickly threw my old ones away. But my excitement didn't come from throwing my old sandals away. It came from putting on my new ones!

In the same way, Paul tells the Colossians in this passage to put on a new wardrobe. Yesterday, the focus was on getting rid of our old "street rat" clothes. But in today's passage, Paul's focus is on putting on our new, royal clothes. After all, the best part of getting new shoes isn't throwing your old shoes away, but getting to wear the new ones!

Take a minute with your cabin to talk about your favorite item of clothing as a kid

Pray

Read

Colossians 3:12-4:6

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you about this passage?
2. What did we talk about yesterday? How does it relate to today's passage?

Yesterday we talked about our new identity– hidden in Christ! When our identity changes, our old clothes no longer suit our new identity, and we get to wear new clothes! Paul starts out this section reminding Christians that we are “*holy and dearly loved*” (3:12, NET). These new clothes are not burdensome, nor do they save us, but they are a joy and honor to those who are already unconditionally loved by God!

3. When you get ready for school every day, you go in your closet, pick out a certain outfit, and put it on. This is the outfit you've chosen for today!

Looking at verse 12, what do you think it means to “***put on*** *compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience*”?

4. Can you come up with those “clothes” on your own? Where do you have to get them?
5. Which one is the hardest for you to put on? Why?
6. Have you seen any of these qualities in your cabin mates or counselor this week? Use this time to tell them which ones!

7. Verse 13 talks about bearing with one another. Check out these verses about how Jesus bears with us:

“For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.” -Hebrews 2:18

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

-1 Peter 2:24

How does Jesus Christ bear with us?

8. Looking at His example, what does it mean for you to “bear with one another”?
9. In verse 13, we are commanded to “[forgive] each other, as the Lord has forgiven [us].” How has God forgiven us? How, then, should we forgive others?
10. According to verse 14, which garment should we put on “above all”? When is it hardest to put this on?
11. How does love bond people? Can you think of a time when someone loved you and you felt bonded or closer to them?

12. Digging Deeper: Thankfulness

Paul mentions thankfulness three times in verses 15-17 (He’s also talked about it in 1:12 and 2:7). Thankfulness can sometimes seem cliché to us, but God’s Word tells us it’s a big deal!

How cool is it that Paul goes straight from talking about peace to talking about thankfulness? He's showing us they go hand in hand! "*When there is peace in the heart, there will be praise on the lips*" (Wiersbe, 132). Thankfulness is a natural response to God making peace with us!

Why is thankfulness important?

Thankfulness helps us remember this truth from 1 Corinthians 4:7: "*What do you have that you did not receive?*" Every gift we have did not come from us. It's *all* because God gave it to us. Thankfulness helps us remember that God is the one worthy of praise, not us (Rev. 4:11).

Thankfulness also takes our eyes off earthly things. Paul, who we know was familiar with suffering, wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "*Give thanks in all circumstances.*" Think about it– if you're thanking God, even in hard circumstances, your mind is not fixed on your current situation, but on God, who is good (Psalm 118:1). Paul helps us see that we can be thankful in any situation and trust God where we are.

What are some things you are thankful for right now?

13. If everything in your life is going wrong, how can you still be thankful? (Check out 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 and 12:9-10 for some cool examples of this!)

14. In verse 16, Paul says, "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*" If you dwell somewhere, it means you live there– you are most at home there. How can you let the word of Christ live in you?

15. Matthew 6:21 says “*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” Think about how you spend your time and what you prioritize. What would you say is your current treasure? (In other words, what “dwells richly” within you?)
16. “*Teaching and admonishing one another*” is part of letting the word of Christ dwell in us. When you give advice or correct a friend, do you share your own thoughts or the word of Christ? What does Paul say in this passage we should do?
17. Verse 17 sums up this whole passage by saying, “*Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.*” What do you think this means?
18. One quote explains it this way: “*By our words and our works, we should glorify His name. If we permit anything into our lives that cannot be associated with the name of Jesus, then we are sinning.*”
- What is something in your life— words or works— you need help doing in the name of Jesus?

After we’re commanded to “*do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,*” Paul gives us specific ways we can do that in verses 18 through 4:1. If everything in our lives is to be marked by Christ, that means our families should look different than the average worldly family. Let’s look at what Paul has to say to Christian households. We can learn something from all of these instructions, but for now, we’ll focus on the ones that currently apply to you.

19. In verse 20, what does Paul say to children?

20. Notice Paul doesn't say, "obey your parents sometimes," or "obey when you feel like it." What does he say instead? How can you put this into practice?

21. While we don't have bondservants in our culture today, Paul's instructions to them in verse 22 can be helpful for anyone working for someone else— a boss, a teacher, a coach, etc.

Have you ever obeyed just to be seen? What does Paul say we should do instead?

22. According to verse 23, who should you work for: the Lord or men?

Paul says more on this in Galatians 1:10: *"For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."*

Why do you think this can be so hard for us?

In chapter 4, Paul continues helping us understand what it looks like to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. In this section, he specifically focuses on the ways we speak.

23. Digging Deeper: Prayer

Paul knew we could not do everything in the name of Jesus on our own. We have to ask for help, and that is why we must pray. Paul gives us four tips on how to pray here:

1. **Steadfastly** (v. 2): Pray *diligently*. Don't give up on praying, no matter what you're feeling (1 Thess. 5:17). We can't do everything in the name of Jesus without His help.
2. **Being watchful** (v. 2): Be alert in your prayers— not just saying words to the air like singing song lyrics, but mindful of Jesus' words to the disciples in Mark 14:38: *"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation."* Spiritual drowsiness can easily creep into our lives by attention to this world, so we must be watchful.

3. **With thanksgiving** (v. 2): Remember, thanksgiving is a way of humbly praising God and remembering that He is faithful (Psalm 103:2).
4. **A door for the word** (v. 3-4): Ask God to make a way for nonbelievers to hear and clearly understand the good news of Jesus.

Which of these do you want to do a better job of including in your prayers? James 5:16 says, *“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”*

Paul wraps up his instructions by talking about how we should act and speak toward non-Christians. He’s basically saying, “This whole letter has been about how the love of Jesus has saved and totally transformed your lives. Now don’t keep this news to yourselves!”

24. Think of someone you know who’s not a Christian. How do you treat them?
25. How does God’s Word tell us to treat them in verses 5-6?
26. Who is one person you need to treat differently when you get home?

Big Idea: To wrap up your discussion, let's look back at the passage we read in Connection this morning (Acts 9:1-22) and read it as a group.

Now take a couple minutes by yourself to answer this question:

What things in your life are you not doing in the name of the Lord Jesus?

(You can use this space to write out your answer)

God hears our prayers and wants to help us obey him (Phil. 2:13)! Not only that, but He wants us to obey because there is great reward in keeping His commandments (Psalm 19:11). Pray and ask God to help you do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT'S NEXT?

If you want to keep reading the Bible on your own, but don't know where to start, try reading John! John is a letter written by one of Jesus' disciples that talks all about who Jesus is and what He did for us!

Once you finish that, you can try reading Galatians, Ephesians, or Philip-pians, which are also letters Paul wrote to churches around the time he wrote Colossians.

Bottom line: Any book of the Bible you read will be awesome!

Some tips that can be helpful for reading and understanding the Bible:

- Ask yourself the questions listed in each *Connection* guide.
- Pray that God's Word will start to change the way you live.
- Write down in a journal what you learned, so you can remember it and come back to it later!
- Before you read, ask the Lord for wisdom.
- Pray Psalm 119:18: "*Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.*"
- Try the **REAP** method:
 - **Read** the passage.
 - **Examine** what the author is saying.
 - **Apply** the passage to your own life.
 - **Pray** through what you've learned, asking God to help you live it out.

HELPFUL VERSES

Here are some verses to help you understand what scripture says about certain topics. The world may try to sway our beliefs or opinions, but the Word of God will stand forever! (Isaiah 40:8)

Abuse

Ephesians 4:29, Ephesians 4:31-32, Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21, I John 4:18

Acceptance

I John 4:10, I John 4:19

Accountability

Ecclesiastes 12:14, Matthew 12:36-37, Romans 14:12, Colossians 3:23-25, Galatians 6:1

Anger/Bitterness

Psalm 4:4, Psalm 37:8-9, Proverbs 15:1, Ephesians 4:26, James 1:19-20, Proverbs 14:17, Proverbs 15:1, Ephesians 4:31-32, Hebrews 12:14-15

Appearance

I Samuel 16:7, Proverbs 13:1-2, I Peter 3:3-4

Confession

Psalm 32:5, Psalm 51:10-13, Proverbs 20:9

Courage

Luke 9:26, Romans 1:16, II Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 13:6

Dating

I Corinthians 15:33, II Corinthians 6:14-16, Ephesians 5:3-4, I Thessalonians 5:3-4, Hebrews 13:4

Depression

Genesis 4:6-7, Psalm 32:1-4, II Corinthians 4:8-9

Discipline

Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 22:6, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 29:17, Colossians 3:21, Hebrews 12:8

Drinking/Drugs

Proverbs 23:31-32, Habakkuk 2:15, I Corinthians 3:16-17

Fear

Psalm 27:1, Proverbs 3:24-26, Hebrews 13:6

Friends

Proverbs 1:10, Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 14:9, Proverbs 22:24-25,
Proverbs 24:1-2, Proverbs 29:24

Forgiveness

Psalms 103:12, 1 John 1:9

Forgiving Others

Matthew 6:12-15, Matthew 18:21-22, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13

Gossip

Psalms 19:14, Psalm 133:1, Psalm 141:3, Proverbs 16:28, Proverbs 18:18,
Proverbs 21:23, James 3:5

Fatherless

Psalms 10:14, Psalm 27:10, Psalm 68:5, Proverbs 23:10-11

Fear of Man

Proverbs 29:25, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 56:3-4, Psalm 56:11

Fear of God

Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 3:7-8, Proverbs 10:27, Ecclesiastes 12:13,
Matthew 10:28, Revelation 14:7

How to be Saved

Romans 3:23, Romans 3:10, Romans 5:12, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8,
Romans 10:9-10, Romans 10:13, Romans 10:17, Revelation 3:20

Homosexuality

Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:24-33

Light

Psalms 27:1, Isaiah 2:5, Matthew 5:14, John 1:5, John 8:12, John 12:35-36,
Revelation 22:5, 1 John 1:7, 1 John 2:10

Walking

Psalms 1:1, Isaiah 30:21, Ezekiel 36:27, John 5:8-9, Romans 6:4, Romans 8:4, 2
Corinthians 5:7, Galatians 5:16, 1 John 1:7

GREAT VERSES TO KNOW AS A CHRISTIAN

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Colossians 3:3

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Colossians 1:27

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Romans 8:17

And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

John 15:15

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Galatians 3:26

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Colossians 2:10

And you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Galatians 3:27

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self control.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:16

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Romans 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Colossians 3:12

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Colossians 3:1

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:26-28

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

Colossians 3:4

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Romans 8:37

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

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