

JESUS FIRST

#6 Walk in Christ!

Colossians 2:1-7

Colossians 2:1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. ⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

PREEMINENCE PRINCIPLE #6:

Putting Jesus First means walking in the truth of who I am in Christ!

I. The Power of the Gospel in the Apostle Paul's Life (vs. 1 & 5)

A. The Gospel makes you willing to struggle for the sake of others (v. 1, 1 John 3:16)

B. The Gospel makes you long for and rejoice in others' spiritual growth (v. 5)

II. The Example for You to Follow (vs. 2 & 4)

A. Shared love among believers (v. 2)

B. The richness of full assurance (v. 2)

C. Insight into "The Mystery of God" (v. 2-3)

D. The firmness of faith to reject lies (v. 4)

III. The Truth for You to Walk in (vs. 6-7)

A. You have received ALL the benefits of Christ (v. 6)

B. Your daily conduct is changed through Jesus (v. 6)

C. Christ has "rooted" you and is continually "building" you (v. 7)

IV. Your Response to this Truth

Abound in Thanksgiving!

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Who can you think of that needs encouragement, and how can you encourage them?
2. How do we increase in wisdom?
3. What do you have to be thankful for?

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Isaiah 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Isaiah 33 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Isaiah 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Isaiah 34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Isaiah 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Isaiah 35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Isaiah 32 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Isaiah 36 |