

### Colossians 2:4-23 Lesson 3

**Icebreaker questions: What would you personally like to learn or do differently this year?  
What are you looking forward to this year?**

I would like to challenge everyone to memorize 2:6-7, in whatever translation you like. What a great verse to start 2023!!

Do a first reading and **Circle** all the “in Him” and “with Him”...amazing (underline any other repeated phrases)

**V 4-** What is the **this** referring to? See V 1-3

I-Who is the “no one”...repeated again later? (problem in Galatians and other churches Paul was involved in)

I-What is the meaning of **delude** and **plausible**? (look at the Amp translation...helpful)

**A-Your turn-** what application questions come to your mind when you see this... personally or generally?

**V 5-** Why is Paul rejoicing?

I- How would we describe “good order and firmness of the faith”? Check other translations?

Who do we have faith in?

I- How can we be with others in spirit (1 Thess. 2:17)

A- How can we encourage others in their faith? How can we encourage our pastors?

(Eph 6:11,13, 1 Cor. 15:58 (love this verse)

**V6** Therefore... because of what – see V2-3, what are we to do? How are we to do it?

I- How did we become believers?

I- What does it mean to “receive” something”?

A- In your own thinking, what does it mean to “walk”? How would we do that as a Christian?

**V7** How are we able to be **rooted** and **built up** and **established**? 2Tim:3:16-18

I- Why are we abounding in thanksgiving? What does abounding mean?

Optional A- Take one of those verbs (root, build, establish) think through or look up references in your concordance and find verses that would fit here. You might want to draw a picture that helps you describe what that word means, especially you gardeners or those who like to build or make things... try to make it practical for yourself. Maybe use Biblegateway and compare translations.

**V8** What is Paul's command?

I-What is taken captive?

Where do the false teachings come from?

A- Why are we lead astray by these ideas? How do we keep ourselves from wavering? James 1:6

\*\*Therefore, we need to know the truth... the doctrines of the Church. If you go on our **church website** and find What we Believe, you can see what are the main doctrines we need to know . **"Believe accurately, Act rightly"**

**V9** What is IN Christ? (Ruth will discuss this more in the study book)

Extra study- what are the attributes of God <https://www.gotquestions.org/attributes-God.html>

This verse is soooo rich and full- I suggest a sermon or commentary to spend more time on this.

Why does Paul say "bodily"? (Remember that one of the heresies was that Christ was a created being? )

**V10-** WOW!!! What has happened to believers?

I- What does "have been filled" mean? Ephesians 1:3 , 3:19 Who does this? (great sermons on this!!)

See AMP translation

See AMP for what is the rule and authority?

**V11** I- Who was circumcised? What did it represent? Did it save?

New Testament Christians are no longer under the Old Testament Law, and circumcision is no longer required. This is brought out in a number of New Testament passages, among which are Acts 15; Galatians 2:1–3; 5:1–11; 6:11–16; 1 Corinthians 7:17–20; Colossians 2:8–12; and Philippians 3:1–3. As these passages proclaim, being delivered from our sins is the result of faith in Christ; it is Christ's finished work on the cross that saves, not the observance of an external rite. Even the Law acknowledged that circumcision alone was insufficient to please God, who specified the need to "circumcise your hearts" (Deuteronomy 10:16; cf. Romans 2:29). In salvation, the works of the flesh accomplish nothing (see Galatians 2:16). Got questions

How does Paul say we are “circumcised” now?

What is put off or cut away? (More of this in chapter 3) 2 Corinthians 5:17, others?

**V12** What does baptism signify?

What is our faith in?

What did God do?

**V13** How does Paul describe believers in the past?

What did God do? Who are we together with?

How? (having means because of)

**V14** How did God do that?

I- What legal demands do you think he is talking about here? Romans 3:20

What was nailed to the cross? (the it?) Psalm 103:12

A- Sisters- what are we abounding in now!!!

**V15** How did God disarm and shame the forces of evil? Gen. 3:15

**V16** Therefore... Because of what\_\_\_\_\_

What is Paul’s warning here?

**V17** What was a shadow ? Hebrews 10:1

I- Look up the word “substance” – what meaning fits this passage?

**V18** Again.. another warning!

I- Who would dare disqualify them if .... See 1:12?

List what these men who would disqualify the Colossians believers demanded.

A- Do any of these “sound spiritual”? What “spiritual” things do we need to guard against? Take just a few minutes and google what the world thinks as spiritual. Many people say they are spiritual according to them and their actions.

**V19** What are these false teachers not doing?

How does the church (body) grow? Where does the growth come from?

OK... Verses 20-23 Enough of my questions!!! What are your **observations** in these verses. You can list them or use questions. What **interpretive** ideas come to your mind... what do you want to know more about? (after the questions, look in your study bible to begin finding the answers) What **application** can you see here... **Is there** a... command to obey, promise to claim and trust, challenge to heed, action or attitude to take or change, truth to believe, something or someone to pray about, something to worship and thank God for or relationship I need to work on? (Kelly Needham)

“Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more. “Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you. “Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. “Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God, have mercy upon me, Amen.” John Stott