



## THE GOSPEL WE NEVER OUTGROW

Colossians 2: 6 – 15

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### MESSAGE NOTES

#### THE GOSPEL WE WALK IN

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

— Colossians 2: 6-7 (NIV)

#### THE GOSPEL WE GUARD

*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.* — Colossians 2:8 (NIV)

#### THE GOSPEL THAT LACKS NOTHING

*For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through your faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.*

*When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

— Colossians 2:9-15 –21 (NIV)

#### Marked by Christ

*In Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ...* — Colossians 2:11 (NIV)

#### Raised to New Life

*...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through your faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you...* — Colossians 2:12-13a (NIV)



## Completely Forgiven

*...alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*

— Colossians 2:13b-14 (NIV)

## Every Enemy Disarmed

*And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.* — Colossians 2:15 (NIV)

When Christ is

above all

everything else finds  
its proper place.

**ABOVE**

**ALL**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about when you first received Christ Jesus as Lord.
- Read vv. 6-7. Paul says to walk in Christ the same way you received Him. What would it look like to live the gospel out in your day to day?
- In v.7, "rooted," "built up," and "established" are all things God is doing in you, while "abounding in thanksgiving" is yours to do. How does that change the way you think about your own life in Christ?
- Where do you tend to find your sense of being "okay" or "good" with God? Reflect together on the four questions from the message:
  1. **When you keep falling into the same sin, what do you reach for to feel like you still belong to God?**
  2. **When you don't feel like you've changed at all, what do you do to feel like God is pleased with you?**
  3. **When you see the gap between what God requires and your track record, how do you try to close it?**
  4. **When you're afraid, what do you cling to for safety?**
- Read vv. 9-10. What does it mean to be "filled" or complete in Christ? Where in your life do you least feel complete right now?
- Discuss the four gospel movements Paul lays out in verses 11-15:
  1. **Marked by Christ (v. 11)**
  2. **Raised to New Life (vv.12-13a)**
  3. **Completely Forgiven (vv.13b-14)**
  4. **Every Enemy Disarmed (v.15)**
- Which one do you most need to believe this week, and why?