

What is God saying to us today?

1. A lack of **connection** between **Christ** and your **life** is not normal.

2. A **solution** to a **struggling** walk with Jesus is focusing more on Jesus, not yourself.

3. A Christian always grows by **nutrition**, not **addition**.

4. A **deceptive** attack happens on **two** fronts:
a. The identity of Jesus
b. Our identity in Him.

5. A picture of the Christian life is dying to the **flesh** and Christ living **through** us.



"How the Gospel Frees Us From Religion"

Colossians 2:6-12

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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.

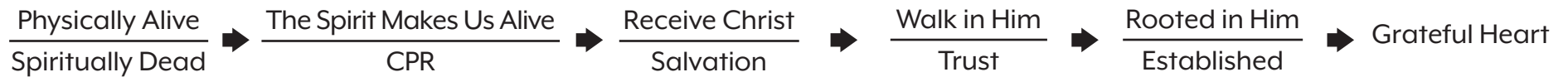
⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Resources available online:

- Study Guides to help you grow deeper in today's teaching. Visit grace.church/smallgroups and click the Small Group Study Guides banner.
- Audio and video recordings of this message and an outline (with answers) posted later today at grace.church/messages. (Order CDs in the Grace Café.)
- iTunes links of songs played during the contemporary service at grace.church/songlist



ROOTED IN CHRIST vv6-7



RESISTANT TO DECEPTION v8

NOT ROOTED IN HIM ➔ Tumbleweed blown around by every wind of deception

NOT ROOTED IN HIM ➔ Kidnapped/taken captive by deception

RECOGNIZE THE DECEPTION vv9-10

WHO HE IS ➔ v9 “For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily...”

WHO YOU ARE ➔ v10 “...and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.”

RITUALS TO REMIND vv11-12

CIRCUMCISION ➔ v11 Death to Flesh

BAPTISM ➔ v12 Raised to Life