

“Walk in Him”
Sermon Notes

➤ **Stick to the path of Jesus**

How so?

(1) Just as you began, keep exercising faith in Jesus (6a)

(2) Keep giving thanks, for Jesus keeps paving the way (7)

Next Week: Colossians 2:8-12

Community Group Study Questions

For the Week of Nov. 21st - 27th

Introduction: For reflection

Col 2:7 says “just as you were taught”. How were you first taught about Christ? Who taught you? How long have you been walking with him? Share your answers with others.

Context

Since Paul starts with “Therefore”, what did Paul previously write that now serves as the basis for his imperative in 2:6?

In 2:6-7, what can we learn about Paul and Timothy as persons? What can we learn about the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae (e.g. Who taught them? What were they taught?)?

Observation

Paul says, “as you received...so walk in him”. How they received Christ mattered for how they should have continued walking. From the letter itself, describe how they received Christ.

What ideas are repeated in 2:6-7 from earlier in the letter (hint: See especially 1:10-12)?

What do we learn about God? (hint: In 2:7 the first three verbal ideas are each passive, meaning they were things happening to the believers in Colossae.)

Make note of all the uses of “in him” or other references to Jesus in 2:6-15 (or even 2:6-4:6! Or even the whole letter!!).

Summarize Paul’s main point in a single sentence of your own.

Meaning

How does “walk in him” serve as a thematic statement for the rest of the letter?

What does it mean that Jesus is the Christ (or Messiah)? That Jesus is the Lord? What other assertions in Colossians support this confession? Why does this two-fold confession matter, especially in this section of the letter (chapter 2:4-10, 15)?

Elsewhere, Paul uses similar words as in 2:7 to describe God’s work for his people. See 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and Ephesians 2:19-21. Consider also Psalm 92:12-14; 52:8; 1:3 in the OT. What metaphors do these texts provide for a biblical theology of the temple of God and what Jesus is doing?

Application

If you have received Jesus as Christ and Lord, what things have you learned of or been reminded about in this study, with regard to God’s work in your life?

Paul exhorts us to “continue to walk in him.” Consider what Paul addresses in Col 2:8-4:2.... (1) being captive to Christ, not worldly philosophy (2:8-15); (2) living free in Christ (2:16-23); (3) seeking heavenly/eternal matters (3:1-4); (4) putting off (3:5-11) and putting on (3:12-17); (5) households in the Lord (3:18-4:1); (6) praying, caring, sharing (4:2-5). Pick one of these

topics, considering where you need to mature (Col 1:28). How will you grow in this area over the coming months as we study Col 2:8-4:2: What thoughts and beliefs need to be renewed? What affections and desires need to shift? What behaviors need to cease and alternatively, begin?

This coming Thursday is Thanksgiving. In what specific ways do you see Jesus building up and establishing your faith? Prepare to give abundant thanks to him!