

## Life in Him > Colossians 2:6-23

**2:6-10** Paul calls the Colossians to be rooted in Christ rather than to be formed by the empty ideas, temptations, and philosophies of this world.

**2:11-15** To be rooted in Christ is to be united with Him in death, burial, and resurrection (symbolized by baptism).

**2:16-19** The challenge for the Colossians – and us! – is to live by what Christ has taught rather than by the world’s commands or by what passes for “religion” in our own times.

**2:20-23** The proper response for Christians is to live in Christ, neither adding nor subtracting from His teachings, resisting the lure of the empty practices in the world around us.

**Context:** Paul is writing these instructions to the Colossians to remind, warn, and correct: what we have in Christ is more than enough, it is better than anything this world has to offer.

**Aim:** Being united with our amazing Savior means that we are transformed and called to live in light of Him rather than living according to what is popular, “deep,” or good-sounding in the world or culture around us.

**Gospel:** Jesus is God, and His life, death, burial, and resurrection frees all who trust Him from the false and hopeless philosophies of this world.

**Applications:** Paul is writing a lot about the spiritual reality of being a Christian – are you? And if you are, then how is that spiritual reality being shown in your physical life? Have you been baptized? Do you think about and tell others about things that are Biblical, or just things that are popular?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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