

THE REVOJUTION

CHRIST ENTHRONED. HUMAN EXISTENCE REDEFINED.

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Col 2:6-15

Life of Disciples Refined

1. Do you remember when you first started with Jesus (or returned to Christ for the first time in a while) – what might you treasure or remember the most?
2. Read what Paul says in **v6-7**, how we are to continue — that being rooted in Jesus we are now to be built up in Him and overflowing with thankfulness. How are we to grow or recapture that enthusiasm we had at first?
3. What do you think causes us to lose pace? Consider what sort of ‘hollow and deceptive philosophy’ you have encountered, what ‘takes you captive’ (**v8**).
4. In **v9-10**, Paul says by ‘in Christ you have been brought to fullness’. Discuss some of the implications by examining surrounding verses.
 - In what sense (**v11**) has our sinful nature been cut away by Jesus’ circumcision even if I still find myself battling with sin?
 - What does it mean (**v12**) that I have been buried with Jesus in baptism and raised with Him through ‘through your faith in the working of God’?
5. If the ‘charge’ of my spiritual debt has been cancelled, taken away and nailed to the cross (**v13-14**) then there is nothing left to condemn me and all my sin is forgiven. What is there left then for me to do?

Consider what life long experience God does want us to have, in response to salvation. If salvations is like a trophy, sitting on a shelf, our present days can be completed separated from our God-given purpose. (Think about the experience of a new parent, it is simply the beginning. Despite how many pictures and videos captured, the exhilarating moment of having a newborn cannot be kept in a cabinet like a trophy. Parenting doesn’t end at the birth of a child.)



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Paul writes to the churches of Colosse to tell them there is so much more. Followers of Jesus are not led to a back seat, in which the journey can become stale and dull.

Disciples must let Jesus transform them, bring healing to many lives, live in fullness, and take radical steps because of who they believe and follow.

6. What hope can you find, as our city, our community, our family, our friends, encounter brokenness (being marginalized, victims of tragedies, etc.)? What hope can followers of Jesus bring?
7. What key actions will you/do you find most helpful in helping you stick with Jesus?

Next step. Open your heart, invite Jesus to redefine you. How will you live a radically transformed life, bring hope, and take salvation out of a trophy cabinet, not stored away?

