

COLOSSIANS

WEEK 4 - COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, **7** rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

8 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.

9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, **10** and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. **11** 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, **12** 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.

13 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, **14** 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. **15** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

1) Verse 7 says to be overflowing with thankfulness. What or who are you thankful for and why? If you had to say you were overflowing with something, what would it be?

2) In verse 8, who do you think is trying to take captive the Colossians through philosophy? What kind of philosophies are people captive to today?

3) What contrasting terms does Paul use in this section? What does that possibly say about our life before and after following Jesus?

4) What do you think it means to be buried and raised with Christ? What things need to be put to death and what things need to be raised?