

**“Walk Ye In Him!”**  
**Colossians 2:4-7**

**Introduction:**

1. Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles This Morning:
  - To Colossians 2:
    - Where The Apostle Paul:
      - Has Been Reintroducing The Colossian Church:
        - To Their Lord & Savior:
          - Jesus Christ!
2. Already In This Letter - Paul Has Described Jesus As:
  - The Pardoning One:
    - In 1:14 - “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins!”
    - He Also Described Jesus As:
  - The Powerful One:
    - In 1:16-17 - “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: / And he is before all things, and by him all things consist!”
    - As God, Jesus Is The Creator & Controller Of All Things!
      - He Further Described Jesus As:
  - The Preeminent One:
    - In 1:18 - “And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence!”
    - And So - He Is Also:
  - The Perfecting One:
    - In 1:28 - “Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus!”
3. All Throughout This Letter - Paul Keeps Pointing:
  - Us To Jesus - As:
    - The Greatest Treasure & The Greatest Treasury:
      - 2:3 - “In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!”
  - And So - Because Of All:
    - That Jesus Christ Is:
      - He Then Tells Us What We Are To Do:
        - In 2:6 - “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him!” (2x)
  - This Is The Key:
    - To Having Jesus:
      - Preeminent In Your Life As A Christian!
        - “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him!”
4. And So - This Morning:
  - We Are Going To Look At What It Means:
    - To “Walk Ye In Him!”

\* First - In 2:4-5 - Paul Answers The Question:

**1. Why? Why Should We Walk In Him?**

- These Verses Are Transition Verses:
  - That Explain The Main Reason Why:
    - Paul Is Writing This Letter In The First Place:
      - And Shows Us Why It Is So Important For Us As Christians:
        - To Continue To Walk With & Walk In Christ - In Our Day-To-Day Lives!
  - Why Walk In Him?
    - Because In Him - You Will Find:
- The Safest Path!
  - And We See This In:
    - The Warning Of Paul To The Colossians:
      - There In 2:4 - “And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words!”
  - You See - This Was The Greatest Danger:
    - And The Greatest Threat:

- The Colossian Church Was Facing!
  - And This Was Why Paul Was So Concerned For Them! 2:1 - "For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you!"
    - And So He Wrote To Keep Them From Being:
- "Beguiled!"
  - Or - "Deceived" By Others Who Were Trying To Lead Them Away From:
    - The Truth Of God's Word & The Gospel!
      - Because The Devil Was Still As Active In Their Church As He Was In The Garden Of Eden!
  - Remember How That Old "Serpent Beguiled Eve?"
    - Genesis 3:4-5 - "Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil!"
  - So - Not Only Did The Serpent Contradict God's Words, He Then Tried To Confuse Eve By Using Arguments That Would Appeal To Her Own Rational Mind!
    - Because If He Could Get Eve To Think Wrong, He Could Get Eve To Do Wrong!
      - And This Is What The Devil Is Still Trying To Do! In Our Church! In Ever Church! He Tries To "Beguile" Us With:
- "Enticing - Or Persuasive - Words!"
  - Words That May:
    - Sound Appealing:
      - To Our Ears!
  - Words That May:
    - Seem Acceptable:
      - And Popular To Everyone Else!
  - Words That May:
    - Seem Authoritative:
      - And Important!
  - But - If Those Words Are Contrary:
    - To The Revealed Word Of God:
      - Then Those Words Will Most Certainly Lead Us Astray!
  - I Like How John Gill Describes Those Words:
    - As Bubbles! They "Look Big & Make A Great Noise, But Contain Nothing But Wind & Emptiness!"
- But If You Keep:
  - Walking In Christ:
    - You Will Find In Him The Safest Path!
      - A Refuge From "Every [Other] Wind Of Doctrine, Sleight Of Men, And Cunning Craftiness, Whereby They Lie In Wait To Deceive!"
  - So - "Walk Ye In Him!"
    - Because - In Him You Will Find The Safest Path! But - You Will Also Find In Him:
- The Sweetest Path!
  - And We See This In:
    - The Warmth Of Paul To The Colossians:
      - There In 2:5a - "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit!"
  - Paul Wrote This Letter:
    - From A Prison In Rome!
      - And Even Though They Were:
        - "Out Of His Sight!" - They Were Not - "Out Of His Mind" - Nor Were They - "Out Of His Heart!"
  - Even Though They Were Separated:
    - By Many Miles - Yet He Wanted Them To Know:
      - That They Were Still United!
        - Spiritually, In Christ & Affectionately, In Heart!
    - And He Felt Like:
      - He Knew Them & Was Like Them:
        - And Was With Them!
      - He Loved Them & Longed For Them:
        - And Looked For Ways To Still Serve Them!

- **IE:** We Can See From This That There Was A Certain Kind Of Fire In The Bones Of Paul! A “Fire Of Fervency!” It Was A Fire That Had A Two-Fold Use! It Was There - To Hinder & Consume Error & To Heat & To Comfort The Church!
- And If You Keep:
  - Walking With Christ:
    - You Too Will Find In Him The Sweetest Path!
      - Where His Tender Love For You Will Encourage & Motivate You To Keep Listening To Him!
  - So - “Walk Ye In Him!”
    - Because - In Him You Will Find The Sweetest Path! And - You Will Also Find In Him:
- The Straightest Path!
  - And We See This In:
    - The Witness Of Paul To The Colossians:
      - In The Rest Of 2:5b - “Joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ!”
    - It Was Clear To Paul:
      - That God Was Already At Work:
        - In The Colossian Church! And:
  - The Results Of The Gospel:
    - Were Evident In Two Ways!
      - First - In Their Order!
        - This Describes The Function Of The Church!
          - They Worshiped & Worked Together In Harmony! And:
      - Second - In Their Steadfastness!
        - This Describes The Faith Of The Church!
          - They Where “Steady In Their Faith!” **IE:** Their Church Started Out Right - Right Foundation / Right Track! The Message They Heard From Epaphras About Christ Was True & Was The Bedrock Of Their Faith!
    - And So - Their Path Was Straight!
      - It Was Heading In The Right Direction:
        - And This Led To:
  - The Response Of Paul:
    - 2:5 - “Joying & Beholding!”
      - Or - “Rejoicing & Seeing!”
        - Now - How Could Paul Have Seen These Things Going On In That Church - From Prison? No Face-Time Or Skype Back Then!
    - It Seems Like Their Pastor - Epaphras:
      - In His Conversations With Paul - Described Them So Clearly:
        - And In Such A Vivid & Graphic Way - That Paul Felt He Could See Them - As He Prayed For Them & Wrote To Them!
      - **IE:** This Got Me Thinking - How Would You Respond If Someone Were To Ask You - “Tell Me About Your Church?” First - Would It Be About The Building Or The People? Then - Would It Be In Such A Way That Others Could “See” It? But How Else Did Paul Respond?
        - With “Rejoicing!”
          - He Rejoiced At What He Saw!
  - And When You Keep:
    - Walking With Christ:
      - You Too Will Find In Him The Straightest Path!
        - A Pathway That Will Transform Your Character & Your Conduct Into That Which Pleases Christ Himself!
- So - “Walk Ye In Him!”
  - Keep Walking In / With Christ!
    - There Is No Reason To Leave The “Pathway Of Christ!”
  - Because - Only In Him - Can You Find:
    - The Safest Path!
    - The Sweetest Path!
    - And The Straightest Path!
      - That Will Lead You To Heaven Itself!

- "Walk Ye In Him!"

\* But Then - In 2:6-7 - Paul Answers The Question:

2. **How? How Can We Walk In Him?**

- He Begins 2:6 In This Way:

- "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him!"

- So - Here - Paul Is Writing To Those Who:

- Already "Have . . . Received Christ Jesus As Lord!"

- And He Wants You To Think Back & Remember How **You** Received Him!

- The First & Foundational Step:

- To Receiving "Christ Jesus The Lord" Is:

- To Believe In Him!

- It's Faith!

- Acts 16:31 - "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house!"

- You Cannot Walk In The Pathway Of Christ:

- Until You First Believe In Christ!

- Have You Received Him?

- As Your Savior From Sin?

- And As Your Sovereign Lord & Master?

- Because -When You To Receive Him:

- By Faith - It Will Then Lead To:

- All The Hope & Love:

- That He Has To Offer!

- And Then - You Can Continue:

- To "Walk In Him" - Even As:

- "Ye Have Therefore Received" Him!

- In An Ongoing & Growing Faith & Hope & Love!

- So - "Walk Ye In Him" With:

- A Growing Devotion To Christ!

- 2:7a - "Rooted and built up in him!"

- "In Him" Refers Back To:

- "Christ Jesus The Lord" In 2:6!

- And The Words "Rooted" & "Built Up":

- Describe Both The Prior & The Present Work Of Christ In Your Life!

- "Rooted" Describes The Prior Work Of Christ:

- And How He Is The Soil Into Which:

- You Were Placed When You Received Him By Faith!

- And Now - You Are In A Place Where You Can Grow!

- **IE:** Some Flowers We Have Out Of The Pot - Will Die! Not If

You've Received Christ!

- Now - You Can "Abide In The Vine" Even As:

- Christ Himself Abides In You! (John 15)

- "Built Up" Describes The Present Work Of Christ:

- And How He Is The Structure:

- Of Your Christian Life & Our Church!

- Described Further In:

- Ephesians 2:20-21 - "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; / In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord!"

- And Now - You Can Keep **Growing** In Christ:

- As You **Walk** In Christ!

- By Never Forgetting What Christ Has Done For You & In You!

- Remember That Before Christ - The Roots Of Your Life Were In The Soil Of This World, And You Were Yielding Nothing But The Fruits Of Unrighteousness & Death! But Now - You Have Been Placed Into New Soil - His Soil! You've Been Placed Into A New Structure - His Structure!

- So - "Walk Ye In Him!"

- With A - Growing Devotion To Christ:

- As Well As A:

- Growing Determination About Christ!
  - 2:7b - “And established in the faith, as ye have been taught!”
    - You Also Need To Remember:
      - The Faithful Words You Have Been Taught About Christ - Words That Saved You & Changed You:
        - And Keep Growing In Your Confidence In & Determination About That Truth!
  - What Have You Been Taught About Jesus? That:
    - As Christ - He Alone Is The Promise:
      - For Your Salvation!
        - He Is The “Anointed One!” The Final Prophet, The Perfect Priest, The King Of Kings!
      - Do You Believe In:
        - All That Christ Is:
          - And Means?
    - As Jesus - He Alone Is The Provider:
      - Of Your Salvation!
        - He Is Your “Savior!”
      - Have You Come To Him:
        - To Receive Not Only Forgiveness For Your Sin - But Deliverance From It? Not Only From Sins Penalty, But Also From Sins Power?
    - As Lord - He Alone Is The Power:
      - For Your Salvation!
        - He Is Your Sovereign Master!
      - Have You / Are You:
        - Surrendering & Submitting Yourself To Him As His Servant?
  - When You Grow In Your Determination:
    - About Who Jesus Is:
      - By Digging Deeper Into His Identity & His Character & His Mission:
        - You Will Continue To “Walk In Him!” - And That Will Also Lead To A:
- Growing Delight In Christ!
  - 2:7c - “Abounding therein with thanksgiving!”
    - Walking In & With Christ:
      - Is Not A Drudgery!
        - **IE:** Like My Hike Up Loveland Pass! Out Of Shape!
    - But - When You Remember:
      - All That Christ Is & All That Christ Has Done:
        - You Will “Abound” & “Overflow” With Delight & Thanksgiving:
          - As You Are Walking In Him!
    - Thanksgiving & Gratitude Then:
      - “Completes The Circle Of Blessings!”
        - **IE:** Like The Water Cycle! As The “Mercy Drops Round Us Are Falling” - We Give Him Our Thanks - Each Day! Every Day!

### **Conclusion:**

1. In A Moment - We Are Going To Sing:
  - These Words:
    - “It is glory just to walk with Him whose blood has ransomed me; / It is rapture for my soul each day. / It is joy divine to feel Him near where'er my path may be. / Bless the Lord, it's glory all the way!”
2. Are You Walking:
  - In Him & With Him:
    - Today?
  - Remember:
    - To Walk In Christ:
      - Is To Walk In:
        - The Safest Path!
        - The Sweetest Path!
        - And The Straightest Path!
  - And:

- To Walk In Christ:

- Means That You Are Growing In:

- Your Devotion To Him!

- Your Determination About Him!

- And Your Delight In Him!

3. So - Christian - 2:6 - "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him!"

- Because:

- "It Is Glory Just To Walk With Him!"

***Grace Baptist Church***

***Stephen Elmer, Pastor***

***4245 North 200 West***

***Greenfield, Indiana 46140***

***317-326-2362***

***[www.sermonaudio.com/wordofgrace](http://www.sermonaudio.com/wordofgrace)***

***[www.growatgrace.org](http://www.growatgrace.org)***

***[pastor-elmer@hotmail.com](mailto:pastor-elmer@hotmail.com)***