



## “Who is Jesus?”

And why does it matter?

### Colossians 2:1-10

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## Jesus and Philosophy

“The unexamined life is not worth living.”

I. To Love Christ is actually to Love Philosophy. V1-3

*Philosophia* = root words: *Phileo* = to love, *Sophia* = wisdom

- Philosophy literally means a love of Wisdom.
- ✓ Recommended book: Philosophers who believe.

### Colossians 2:1-3

In Jesus Christ are all the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge.

### Colossians 2:4-5

Beware of well-crafted arguments. Ex: Logic riddle:

Always consider arguments against - The Test of Truth!

### Colossians 2:6-7

Paul is bringing them back to the safety of the Truth in Christ.

You *accepted* Him – How?

Now, you must *continue* to follow him.

You make a commitment to accept Jesus. You *confess* Jesus as Lord with your mouth and *believe* in your heart that God raised him from the dead. You chose *to repent* from your sin. You personally *demonstrate* that by Water *Baptism*... Buried with Christ and risen **to walk** in newness of life.

### Colossians 2:8

Bad philosophy vs good – How do we know the difference? This formula ⇒ You need Jesus + ‘whatever’ to be saved ... is bad.  
✓ Jesus is *sufficient* for salvation.

The logic riddle:

What is greater than God,  
more evil than the devil,  
the poor have it,  
the rich need it,  
and if you eat it, you'll die?

### Colossians 2:9-10

⇒ Great wisdom is learning to Love God and Love Others.

Next Week: Colossians 2:11-11-23 *Finding Freedom from Legalism*

## Who is Jesus- Jesus and Philosophy

**October's Memory Verse** – *For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.* **Colossians 1:27 (NLT)**

### Monday 10/17- Read Colossians 2:1-5

**Question:** What did Paul say was hidden in Christ?

**Truth:** *they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden **all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.***

**Meditate:** Colossians 2:4- *I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.*

**Prayer:** Father God, teach me the wisdom and knowledge found in Christ.

**Action:** Be disciplined and firm in my faith.

What does God want **me** to do:

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### Tuesday 10/18- Read Colossians 2:6-10

**Question:** Why is it important to stay rooted in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness?

**Truth:** *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.* Vs. 8

**Meditate:** Colossians 2:9-10– *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and **in Christ you have been brought to fullness.** He is the head over every power and authority.*

**Prayer:** Father God, thank you for seeing me righteous in Christ.

**Action:** Accept my part in connecting people to God

What God is teaching me:

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### Wednesday 10/19- Read Romans 16:17-20

**Caution:** *I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.* Vs. 17

**Truth:** *For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.* Vs. 18

**Meditate:** Romans 16:20- *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.*

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me be careful around people who desire to cause division.

**Action:** *be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.*

What God is telling me: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday 10/20- Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-6

**Question:** How should I filter the thoughts running through my head?

**Truth:** *We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and **we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*** Vs. 5

**Meditate:** 2 Corinthians 10:4- *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*

**Prayer:** Lord God, thank you for the great power availability to me to demolish any stronghold.

**Action:** *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.* Vs. 3

What God is telling me: \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday 10/21- Read Ephesians 6:10-18

**Question:** Who am I really struggling against?

**Truth:** *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

**Meditate:** Ephesians 6:11 - *Put on the full armor of God, ... stand against the devil's schemes.*

**Prayer:** Father God, I will use the full armor you have given me.

**Action:** Memorize October's Memory Verse.

Who will I invite to church: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Life Group Outline- Who is Jesus, Why does it matter?**

### **Fellowship and Praises-**

Take **20-30 minutes** to share what God has been doing in own lives this last week.

Bible verse memorization: *For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.* Colossians 1:27 (NLT)

### **Bible Study Exercise: Read Colossians 2:1-10**

What *treasures* of **wisdom** and **knowledge** have you found in Jesus Christ?

Discuss some of the arguments against Christ you have heard.

### **Read 2 Corinthians 10:5**

It is important to always consider arguments against – The Test of Truth. What TRUTHS help you overcome the arguments other might throw against your trusting in Jesus?

Why is it so important to realize that I am saved by faith and that loving others, serving, giving money, working on my character is not a requirement for salvation, but should be the evidence of my salvation.

The Christian Jews wanted gentiles who wanted to become Christian to get circumcised first. Why do people want to put “*requirements*” on others for them to be saved?

Why is Loving God and Loving Others a wonderful challenge without being a legalistic requirement?

### **Prayer Time- include prayers Gateway’s Trunk or Treat And Auction/Dinner**

### **Going Deeper: Read Proverbs 24:1-34**

*By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.* Vs. 3-4

**Real Application: Great wisdom** in *Loving God and Loving Others*