

**PRESS ON  
IN CONFIDENCE****A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS****LESSON 22 COLOSSIANS 2:6-15**

1. What made a difference for you this past week from the Lesson or Lecture on **Colossians 1:24-2:5**?
  
2. Pray something like this: "Lord, if You were here with me right now (and You are), what would You teach me about being 'rooted' in You?" Then read **Colossians 2:6-15**. Try to explain why a gardener is concerned about the root system of plants and the soil in which they grow.
  
3. a) Read **V6**. How does a person "receive Christ Jesus as Lord"? Find scripture to support your answer, if possible.  
  
b) According to **V6-7**, once we have received Jesus, how are we to live? Which one of these did you need to be reminded of and why?
  
4. a) Read **Ephesians 3:17-19** and recount some of the benefits of being rooted in Him.  
  
b) Allow these verses to speak to you about being poorly rooted or rooted in the wrong things. What truths can you mine from the following:
  - **Mark 4:16-17**
  
  - **1 Timothy 6:10**
  
  - **Hebrews 12:15**

- c) How have you experienced or witnessed the strength of being rooted in Christ and/or the trials of being rooted elsewhere?
5. a) Put Paul's warning in **V8** into your own words.
- b) How is this warning surprisingly relevant in our culture today? Be specific.
6. According to **V9-10**, who is Jesus and how do these incredible truths strengthen or embolden you?
7. Re-read **V8-10**. What current philosophy or tradition do you see as challenging this message of Jesus and how?
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8. a) From **Deuteronomy 30:6**, how would Moses' teaching on circumcision bring additional understanding to his fellow Jews?
- b) What enlarged view of circumcision did Paul give in **Colossians 2:11** (see also **Galatians 5:6**)?
9. From **V11-13a**, what is the meaning and significance of baptism for the follower of Jesus? How could it relate to circumcision? (Use **Romans 6:3-5** for further help)

10. According to **V13-14**, explain the magnitude of what God did for you.

11. a) How does **Ephesians 6:12** help you to understand **Colossians 2:15**?

b) What emotions does this stir in you?

12. There is so much in this Lesson to help you *press on in confidence*. Which phrase, verse or truth is your personal favorite for what you are currently facing?

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### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Jesus disarmed the powers of the evil one and triumphed over them by the cross. How do these verses reveal Jesus' victory over Satan:

- **Matthew 4:10-11**
- **Hebrews 2:14-15**
- **1 John 3:8b**

2. Followers of Jesus experience victory over Satan. Read these verses and summarize what your part is as you struggle against the spiritual forces of evil:

- **Luke 10:17-20**
- **Ephesians 4:26-27**
- **James 4:7**

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verses: **Colossians 2:9-10**

b) Respond to this passage in prayer.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**