**CONTINUE TO LIVE YOUR LIVES IN CHRIST**

Colossians 2:6-23 (Key verse 6)

*“*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him.”

1. How had the Colossians responded to the message about Jesus? (6a) What does it mean to receive Jesus as Lord? Why is this important?
2. What should they do now? (6b) What does it mean to “continue to live in him”? (Jn 8:31, 32; 15:4) In verse 7, what are the three ways they can do this? Think about the meaning of “rooted in him.” (Ps1:2,3; Jn15:7) “Built up in him.” (Mt7:24,25) How can we be “strengthened in the faith”? (7c)
3. What warning does Paul give them, and why? (8) In verses 9-12, how many times is the phrase “in Christ” or its equivalent repeated? What have we been given in him, and how? What is the circumcision done by Christ? (12) What was our former condition? (13a, Eph 2:1-3) What has God done for us through Jesus' cross? (13b-15)
4. Think about the triumph of the cross; what was cancelled; what was disarmed? (14,15) What false teachings were spread among the Colossians? (16, 18, 22-23) How can we be set free from those false teachings? (17, 19, 20-21) How should we respond to the judgment of false teachers? (16a) What are some contemporary forms of legalism?
5. Why did people become like this [Falling into the influence of false teachings]? (19) What are some contemporary forms of false spirituality? What did ascetics teach and why? (21,23) Why are we free from this? (20a) What must we do to continue to live in Christ?