

"Living a 'Jesus as Lord' Life"
Colossians 2:6-7
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Background

Early in Paul's letter to the Colossians, there are a couple of very important and powerful verses that can be easily missed in a casual reading of the letter. These verses speak to the importance of living a life where Jesus reigns supremely, and Paul gives practical ways to foster and develop a healthy and growing relationship with Jesus as Lord. Please take some time right now and read Colossians 2:6-7. Consider how the Holy Spirit might be urging you (and all of us) to grow and develop in the ways that Paul offers in this text. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Sermon Text *Colossians 2:6-7*

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.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- What is the best thing you heard on Sunday?

2. Sunday Questions:

1. Receiving Jesus as Lord

- The sermon emphasizes that Paul doesn't say "Jesus as friend" or "Jesus as teacher," but "Jesus as Lord."

→ How does recognizing Jesus as Lord—with supreme authority—challenge the way we typically approach independence, autonomy, and self-governance in our culture?

2. Counting the Cost

- Jesus calls his followers to "count the cost" of discipleship in Luke 14.

→ What are some areas of life where surrendering control to Jesus feels most costly, and how do we discern whether we are truly "all-in"?

3. Living in Christ vs. Adding Christ

- The sermon contrasts "bringing Jesus with us" versus "living in him."

→ In practical terms, what does it look like to live in Christ daily, rather than simply adding him to our routines or decisions?

4. Rooted and Built Up

- Paul uses the imagery of being rooted like a tree in good soil.

→ What practices (Scripture, prayer, faith, community) most help you stay rooted in Christ, and how do you recognize when your "roots" are shallow or drifting?

5. Overflowing Thankfulness

- The sermon closes with the idea that thankfulness is the fruit of faith.

→ How does cultivating gratitude reshape our perspective on trials, provision, and God's work in our lives, and what disciplines can help us grow in this posture of thankfulness?