

A DEEPER Walk

Colossians 2:6

Speaker: Walt Hillis

INTRODUCTION:

- A. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him
- B. Therefore, introduces a logical conclusion, for that reason or because of.
Example given (Received), Example shown, something transferred to you verbally or physically.
- C. To submit to authority of Christ. (Walk In), your conduct

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:

- A. Colosse or Colossae - Western Asia Minor (Greeks, Romans, Jews)
- B. Part of the Roman province of Asia, in B.C. times was a major trade route but declined in importance by 1st Century A.D.
- C. When and how was the Church at Colossae established?
- D. Who wrote Colossians?
- E. Why was the letter written to the Christians at Colossae?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- A. When you become a Christian what are you submitting/committing to?
- B. What should be the focus or most important thing in the life of a Christian?
- C. How can we prepare, train, equip ourselves to do your duty as a Christian?
- D. How do you demonstrate the devotion, obedience, submission that we have to Christ to the world?

DICUSSION POINTS:

- A. What does it mean to walk in Him (Jesus)?
- B. Why should we go deeper in our walk in Him (Jesus)?
- C. How can we have a deeper walk in Him (Jesus)?

CONCLUSION:

- A. Christ is all sufficient (Savior/Messiah" anointed one") and Lord.
- B. Train, defend, and protect yourself and your faith in Christ against Satan and those in the world that knowingly or ignorantly serve his purposes.
- C. Train yourself to fulfill the mission of spreading the Gospel Message to others to bring them to salvation in Jesus Christ.
- D. Study, grow, train, develop yourself as a Christian for this present life and not just the next (eternal life).

A DEEPER FAITH

Colossians 2:7-8

Speaker: David Baldwin

INTRODUCTION:

- A. What is faith?
- B. Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- C. We are to be rooted and established in the faith.
- D. Colossians 2:7 - rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

WHERE DOES FAITH COME FROM?

- A. If we are supposed to be rooted and established in the faith, where does our faith come from?
- B. Romans 10:17 - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God.

HOW DO WE DEVELOP A DEEPER FAITH?

- A. David (2 Samuel 11/ Psalm 51).
- B. Abraham (Numbers 20/ Genesis 22).
- C. Jonah (Jonah 1).

DEVELOPING A FAITH TO WEATHER STORMS:

- A. Pray without ceasing (I Thessalonians 5:17).
- B. Trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3:5).

A DEEPER WORSHIP

Colossians 2:8

Speaker: Tony Williams

INTRODUCTION:

- A. We must worship God in Spirit (John 4:23-24), (Matt. 15:8).
- B. We must Worship God in Truth (John 4:23-24), (John 17:17).

DEEPER COMMUNION:

- A. Consists of two things: (1) unleavened bread (without yeast) and (2) the fruit of the vine or grape juice (1 Corinthians 10:16).
- B. The purpose of the Lord's Supper is to bring to our remembrance the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus on the cross for our sins (Matthew 26:26-29).
- C. We must be very careful when we partake of the communion that we discern the blood and body of Jesus so that we partake in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:23-30).

DEEPER PRAYER:

- A. Prayers offered to God are to be a part of our public worship as well as our private daily devotions (1 Timothy 2:1-2, 8; Philippians 4:6, etc.).
- B. Our prayers must be addressed to God in the name of Jesus (John 16:23; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 John 2:1-2).

DEEPER LEARNING OF GOD'S WORD:

- A. We must learn God's Word so that we can grow stronger in Christ, teach others, and overcome false teachings (1 Peter 2:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:2; 4:1-5).
- B. A lesson from the Bible is one of the acts of worship in which Christians are to engage (Acts 2:42).

DEEPER SINGING OF PRAISE:

- A. Christians are commanded to praise God in song ([Colossians 3:16](#)).
- B. Every Christian must praise God in song just as everyone must partake of the Lord's Supper for himself.

DEEPER GIVING:

- A. Giving of our means is a part of our worship to God. This is the way Christ's church gets the necessary funds to do its work.
- B. God has given us the perfect plan for giving (1 Corinthians 16:2).

CONCLUSION:

- A. True Christians want to worship God. In fact, it is impossible for a true Christian not to worship God.
- B. We will want to offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, to make confession to his name (Hebrews 13:15).

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DEEPER: BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

Split Class

Colossians 2:7

Speaker: Katie Pruett

INTRODUCTION:

- C. What lengths would you go to find a buried treasure?
- D. Eternal salvation is like a Christian's buried treasure.
- E. As we must use our map and a shovel to find a buried treasure, we must use the Bible and prayer to find e salvation with our Lord.

DEEPER BIBLE STUDY:

- D. Study scripture daily (Acts 17:11-12).
- E. Know the scripture (II Timothy 3:15; Psalm 1:1-3).
- F. Put the scripture into practice (Deut. 11:18-23; Ezra 7:10; Col. 4:3-6; I Peter 3:15).
 - 1. There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom
 - 2. Knowledge is the memorization of the word.
 - 3. Wisdom is the practice of *(living)* the word

DEEPER PRAYER LIFE:

- C. Motivation (Matthew 6:5-15; James 5:16; Colossians 4:3-6).
- D. Mindset (I Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2).
- E. Modus Operandi - Try different manners in which you pray to make it more meaningful.

F. A few examples from Jesus:

1. Jesus prayed alone (Matthew 14:23).
2. Jesus prayed in the early morning (Mark 1:35).
3. Jesus prayed on a mountain (Luke 6:12).

CONCLUSION:

C. There are great consequences of shallow Bible study and prayer life (Judges 2:10; Rev. 21:8).

D. Even more important is that there are extraordinary and eternal rewards for deep Bible study and prayer life (Matthew 6:19-21).

DEEPER: BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

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Speaker: Don Scott

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Getting “deeper” – going far down beneath the surface.
- B. Bible study & prayer are a conversation with God.

GOING DEEPER INTO GOD’S WORD:

- A. Facts are easy...to forget.
- B. Study is relative to your level as a student.
- C. Read it, write it, read it again...and again!
- D. Gold nuggets are everywhere!
 - 1. Stormy seas lakes
 - 2. Thomas the Twin
 - 3. Matthew 5:16 and Matthew 6:5
- E. Differing perspectives.
- F. Getting “into” the action.
- G. Getting started!

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER:

- A. Everything is not your personal assignment to pray for.
- B. There's freedom in praying (from your heart).
- C. Jesus is our Intercessor.
- D. What to pray for.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Listen to God first. Talk to Him second.
- B. Let Him make you better.

A DEEPER LOVE

Colossians 2:11-14

Speaker: Nathan Watkins

INTRODUCTION:

- A. What is love?
- B. How is it defined?
- C. Love can make you do anything and sacrifice for what will be better in the end..
- D. How do we love God more deeply?

UNDERSTANDING:

- A. Understanding that becomes life changing.
- B. To be able to love God, we must know as much as possible about God.
- C. Though we can never fully understand Him, it is our duty and our life to find out as much as we can (Acts 17:11).

CHANGE:

- A. Change that leads to obedience.
- B. When we repent, and are baptized, we are burying (putting to death) the "old" self, and are making the change in our lives that we will walk with God and love Him and not ourselves.
- C. Christ loved us first (Phil 2:8, Romans 6:6).

OBEDIENCE:

- A. Obedience that sets us free.
- B. Sin is a master, and when we continue in it, we become its slave.
- C. Christ gave us the chance at freedom through His sacrifice because of His love for us.
- D. But we have to take it, and strive for it every day, and learn to love more deeply. That is our life's mission, to live for God (James 1:21-27).
- E. What does it take to love more deeply? Everything.

CONCLUSION:

- A. We need to change the way we eat, change the way we think and change the way we live.
- B. We must keep striving to be better and to love God more deeply.
- C. Study to understand. Obey His word. In doing so we will be free and find in Him what we are all looking for...God's love for us.

A DEEPER GRATITUDE

Colossians 2:7

Speaker: J.D. Russell

INTRODUCTION:

- A. What are some things that you are thankful for?
- B. There have been many things that I have heard preschoolers say they are thankful for that I have never thought of before.
- C. Everyone is generally grateful for the things that they have, but what does it take to be deeper in our thankfulness to God?

WRITE IT DOWN:

- A. We are thankful for a lot of things, but it can be hard to keep up with the things that we are thankful for (Eph. 5:20).
- B. One of the best ways to keep track of what all we have been thankful for is to write down some things.
- C. Not everything we are thankful for is necessarily good at the time (James 1:2-4; Phil. 4:10-13).

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS:

- A. We have different minds, so we notice different things.
- B. Tell others what you are thankful for so that they can see how they have been blessed.
- C. Paul did this in some of his letters (Rom. 1:8; Phil. 1:3-5; Col. 1:3-5a).

READ WHAT OTHERS WERE THANKFUL FOR:

- A. The Bible is full of people who were thankful to God for a lot of different things.
- B. Where is the first place that you could go to see a lot of thankful prayers? (Psalms).
- C. Psalm 30, 32, 34, 4, 75 107, 116, and 118 are all Psalms about Thanksgiving, but even more mention it.
- D. Jesus was thankful and wanted the disciples to be as well (Luke 10:21-24).

CONCLUSION:

- A. God wants us to be thankful and to talk to him.
- B. It is important for us to know what we are thankful for.
- C. The first thing on our list of things we are thankful for should be His Son.