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Step One: Read the Word.

"In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Read Colossians 2:2 – 3:11. Remember to pray before you read God's Word, asking the Holy Spirit to open the scripture to your understanding.

Circle any key words and underline phrases that stick out to you. Use the column to the right to jot down any notes, scripture references, or questions you might have. You can use the "Bible Study Aids" in the introduction and background to Lesson One to gain more understanding of the passage of scripture.

Colossians 2:2-3:11 Christian Standard Bible (CSB) 2 For I want you to know how greatly I am struggling for you, for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me in person. ² I want their hearts to be encouraged and joined together in love, so that they may have all the riches of complete understanding and have the knowledge of	
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God's mystery - Christ. [a] ³ In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Christ versus the Colossian Heresy

⁴ I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with arguments that sound reasonable. ⁵ For I may be absent in body, but I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see how well ordered you are and the strength of your faith in Christ.

⁶ So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

⁸ Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ. ⁹ For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily [b] in Christ, ¹⁰ and you have been filled by him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹ You were also circumcised in him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the

circumcision of Christ, ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses. ¹⁴ He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him. ^[c]

¹⁶ Therefore, don't let anyone judge you in regard to food and drink or in the matter of a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day.

^[d] ¹⁷ These are a shadow of what was to come; the substance is ^[e] Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one condemn ^[f] you by delighting in ascetic practices and the worship of angels, claiming access to a visionary realm. Such people are inflated by empty notions of their unspiritual ^[g] mind. ¹⁹ He doesn't hold on to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its

ligaments and tendons, grows with growth from God.

²⁰ If you died with Christ to the elements of this world, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations: ²¹ “Don’t handle, don’t taste, don’t touch”? ²² All these regulations refer to what is destined to perish by being used up; they are human commands and doctrines. ²³ Although these have a reputation for wisdom by promoting self-made religion, false humility, and severe treatment of the body, they are not of any value in curbing self-indulgence.^[h]

The Life of the New Man

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your^[a] life,

appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, God's wrath is coming upon the disobedient,^[b] ⁷and you once walked in these things when you were living in them. ⁸But now, put away all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self. You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your^[c] Creator. ¹¹In Christ there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.

Step 2. Consider the Word.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”

Re-read Colossians Chapter 2 in its entirety and Chapter 3:1-11 and answer the questions below.

1. Why was Paul struggling (in prayer) for the Colossians and those in the church of Laodicea? What did he want for the church? (Col 2:1- 3)

2. What was Paul’s godly direction to the church in Col 2:6? (Fill in the blanks below)
“So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as _____, continue to live _____, being rooted and built up _____ and established in the faith, just as you were _____, and overflowing with _____.”

3. What were the Colossians to be careful to avoid? (Col 2:8).

4. What does Colossians 2:9 tell us about Jesus?

5. What has Christ done for us? Col 2:10, 13)

6. Of what value are “spiritual” regulations made up by man? (Col 2:23)

7. Name at least three things in our earthly nature we are to put to death (put off). See Chapter 3:5-9.

8. Name at least three godly virtues we are to “put on”. See Col 3:12-14. What is the most important virtue to put on? (v. 14) Why?

Memory Verse: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Col 3:1

Write the memory verse down below:

Step 3. Walk in the Word.

“So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him.”

1. Look again at Colossians Chapter 2.

a. What does it mean that you have been circumcised by Christ? (v. 10-14).

How does this truth relate to your past sins and failures? If Christ has nailed them to the cross (v. 14) how should we view confessed sins?

2. Re-read Col. 3:1-11

a. What do I set my thoughts on if I want to walk as one raised with Christ? (v. 2).
How might our thoughts influence our actions?

- b. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 below. Underline what are we to do with earthly thoughts:

³For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, ⁴since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments ⁵and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.

What are some practical ways to “take every thought captive to obey Christ?”

- c. By whose power do we do this? (review Col 1:29).

- d. How is Galatians 5:16-18 also helpful in understanding our lesson this week?

¹⁶I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Write the memory verse below:

**So if you have been _____ with Christ, seek the things
_____, where _____ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Col 3:1.**

What lesson or truth meant the most to you this week?

Journal a prayer below, thanking God for that truth.

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