

“Powerful Pictures of the Christian Life”

Colossians 2:6-10

“Life Overflowing! A Study of Colossians”

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“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.”

--Colossians 2:6-10

In this passage there are at least five powerful pictures to help us visualize the Christian life:

The reason the Bible uses a variety of images to describe who we are in Christ, is because a single picture can never exhaust the riches and depth of our relationship with Him.

Picture One: A _____: Stay on the _____!

“As you have received Jesus as Lord, so WALK in him.”--Colossians 2:6 NKJV)

Picture Two: A _____: Dig _____ to grow _____!

“You’re deeply rooted in him.”--Colossians 1:7 (The Message)

“...tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.” --Ephesians 4:14

“He is like a tree planted by the rivers of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does shall prosper.”
--Psalm 1:3

Picture Three: A _____: _____ what you’ve _____!

“Now do what you’ve been taught! Quit just studying the subject and start living it!”--Colossians 2:7 (The Message)

Picture Four: A FOUNTAIN: Let his life _____!

“and let your living spill over into thanksgiving.”

--Colossians 2:7 (The Message)

Jesus said, “Out of the OVERFLOW of the heart, the mouth speaks.”

--Matthew 12:34

“give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” --Ephesians 5:20

Picture Five: A _____: Don’t get _____ by the lie!

“See to it that no one takes you captive...”--Colossians 2:8

Paul warned the believers about this danger when he wrote about:

1. The _____ lie:

“Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything.” --Colossians 2:8 (The Message)

Jesus said, “He is a liar and the father of lies.” --John 8:44

2. The _____ truth:

“Everything of God gets expressed in Christ, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don’t need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ and the emptiness of the universe without him. When you come to him, that fullness comes together for you, too.”

--Colossians 2:9-10 (The Message)

Jesus said, “I’ve come that they might have life and live it to the fullest!”

--John 10:10

“Today is the best day of my life, because Jesus Christ lives big in me today!”