

A large, ancient tree with a thick trunk and dense green foliage against a blue sky. The tree's trunk is dark brown and textured, with many roots extending from the base. The leaves are a vibrant green, and the sky is a clear, bright blue.

ESTABLISHED

A Study in Colossians

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

["This Is Love"](#)

Welcome & Announcements

Romans 8:38-39

Leonard, Poore

Pastor Cole Griffin

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Grace

["Be It Far From Me To Boast"](#)

["Enough"](#)

Offering

Pastor Cole Griffin

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Poore, Watkins

Giglio, Tomlin

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word [Colossians 2:16-23](#)

Kari DeBerg

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Josh Poore, Director of Worship Arts

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

(Psalm 63:3)

["In Christ Alone"](#)

Benediction

Getty, Townend

Josh Poore

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

There are many pitfalls that await us on the path to following Christ. In last Sunday's text, Paul addressed specific obstacles (philosophy, empty deceit, human tradition, etc.) that take our focus away from Christ (2:6-10) while also making the case that Christ is wholly sufficient for us (2:11-15). In this Sunday's passage (2:16-23), Paul builds upon the previous section by confronting imitations that seem good—even spiritual—but will ultimately distract us from Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. What is one thing you couldn't live without (ex: family, work, fishing, ice cream)? How would you make life work if you were forced to live without it? Why is it such a struggle for us to truly believe that Christ is enough?
2. On what basis might someone wrongly try to disqualify another from salvation? How can our lives affirm that we believe Christ is enough to save us? What are subtle ways we can creep towards working for our salvation? How can we battle against this temptation?
3. What examples of heightened spiritual experiences were mentioned in the sermon? Can you think of other examples? Why is living "miracle to miracle" ultimately unsatisfying? How can we distinguish vague spiritual experiences from experiencing Christ's sustaining power in our lives?
4. What rules and regulations are tempting to add onto God's word? Why does it seem "spiritually mature" to add these guidelines to faith in Christ? What dangers come from striving to sanctify ourselves rather than depending upon Christ?
5. How would you summarize all the distractions that Paul warns us against in this passage (2:16-23)? How can we grow in our dependence upon Christ as the substance rather than being distracted by shadows (2:17)? What is a tangible step you can take this week to address an area where you feel especially distracted from Christ?

Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, [Colossians 3:1-4](#).

Context

1. What can you learn about the person or situation to which the letter is written?
2. What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
3. What was the main point of the passage immediately before this one? Are there logical or thematic connections to the passage you are reading?

Observation

1. Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the text? Are there key connecting words (for, therefore, but, because) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?
2. What is the main point or points? What supporting points does the author make?
3. What surprises are there in the flow of the argument?

Meaning

1. How does this text relate to other parts of the book?
2. How does this passage relate to Jesus?
3. What does this teach you about God?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

Membership & Baptism Class

Put down roots, grow in your faith, become a part of the family! We'd love to have you join us in membership at Grace.

- Meets: Saturday, Oct 26, 9 am-Noon
- Next Baptism Opportunity: Sunday, November 10th
- Register at graceinracine.com

Celebrate Recovery...Beginning Again

Come join us as we "kick-off" our fall program. This is an excellent time to start, as we 'begin again' through the eight principles for recovery found in the Beatitudes as well as the Christian 12 Steps. Meets Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Loft. Newcomers are always welcome!

October is Pastor/Ministry Leader Appreciation Month!

- Pray for each of them and their families.
- Write a note of thanks and encouragement.
- Stop and tell them 'Thank You!'

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Ellen Johnson, Ruth Brumback, Caren Larsen

On the passing of Yvonne Lombard, we extend our sympathy to her daughter, Dawn (Mike) Swaney.

On the passing of Frank Marten, we extend our sympathy to his wife, Shirley and daughters Wendy, Lori, & Julie.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 541 Children's Ministry Attendance: 102

Giving: Last Week: \$28,055 YTD: \$1,231,174 +/- Budget: -\$56,817

October Prayer Gathering

Sunday, October 27th, 5:05 pm

Join us at 5:05 pm for a meal, followed by prayer time in the sanctuary.

Meal: Soup Night! You bring the soup, Grace will provide bread & salad.

What to bring: A pot of your favorite soup! Please bring soup already warm.

Prefer to bake? Sign-up on the post in Realm to bring cookies or email Melisa: msscott@graceinracine.com! [Need a total of 6 people to each bring two dozen cookies]

We are aware that there is a 7:20 pm Packer game that night, but we've planned ahead. Stay after and we'll watch the game together.

Soles for Jesus Shoe Drive

Soles for Jesus is a WI-based mission organization that collects gently used and new shoes for children & adults in Sub Saharan countries in Africa. Drop off clean shoes, tied or bagged together into the bins located in the entryways. The collection ends October 20th.