

## Communion Meditation – Colossians

Colossians 2.6-10 (*read 1-10*)

“Christ our Master”

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### Colossians 2

- **Col 1** ended emphasizing Christ’s substitutionary role
- **Col 2** emphasizes the centrality of Christ to our new life
  - **Vss 1 thru 5** were about Christ as our Treasure
  - Today’s message is about building upon the reality of being in Christ

### Building Upon Being “in” Christ

- **v6** ~ “.. have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him”
  - “have received” ~ We’re in Christ – We’ve received Him already
  - “so walk in Him” ~ Embrace the opportunity we have in Him
- **v7** ~ “.. rooted and built up in Him, ..”
  - !!!: Planting in mulch ~ Plant life cannot be sustained
  - **What are you rooted in?**
    - Shallow rocky soil (*self-centered, feel good*) ~ joy, feelings, no depth
    - Hard soil (*not even trying*) ~ No church, no Bible, only words
    - Weedy soil (*want world and Christ*) ~ Loves the world too much
    - But a Christian’s only soil is Christ

### Philosophy of Men and Empty Deceit

- **v8** ~ “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit”
  - law/ “tradition of men”, “basic principles of the world”
    - It’s always been done this way / polygamy of kings in OT
  - “empty deceit” ~ Con Job / Victim promised much, but left with nothing
- I like “Austrian economics”, “libertarian principles”
  - Principles not grown in soil of Christ, but in a worldly hybrid

### In Him Dwells .. and .. You are In Him

- All real value of this world is embodied in Christ and His promises
- There is a lot of fool’s gold to tempt us away from what is real
- We’re asked to trade away what we have for what’s behind another door
  - But there’s nothing of greater value on this earth

We’re in Christ / We’re a new creation / Our allegiance differs from others

Christ is our Savior, our Master, our Lord / We’ll only be satisfied in Him