



Colossians Devotional Series

Week 2- Colossians 2

Day 1. Christ the Treasure: The treasure that wants to be found

Verse: Colossians 2:1-3

Reflection: Blackbeard's treasure was meant to stay hidden forever — buried, unreachable, never discovered. But the treasure Paul speaks of in Colossians 2:3 isn't secret like that. It's hidden in Christ, meaning you have to seek Him, but it's absolutely meant to be found.

All wisdom and knowledge are in Jesus, and He invites you to come close and discover them. You don't have to guess, wander, or hope you stumble into truth — you just have to dig into Him. His treasure is open, available, and offered to anyone who wants Him.

Read: Colossians 2:1-3 and Proverbs 2:45

Spotlight: Reread the verses again slowly and highlight and write down words or phrases that stuck out to you.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read Colossians 2:3 slowly
2. Read it again and spotlight one word or phrase that stands out. _____
3. Why is this word here? _____

What does it reveal about Christ or about you? _____

4. Connect it to Proverbs 2:4–5 and consider how seeking Christ is like searching for treasure. _____

Personal Inventory:

Where have you been digging for wisdom outside of Christ?(Advice? Culture? Social media? Your own understanding?) _____

Prayer Focus: Ask the Lord to make you more aware of the treasure available in Him. Pray for hunger to seek Him deeply.

Action Step: Spend 10 minutes today reading Scripture slowly — not rushing — asking Jesus to reveal His wisdom.

What did Holy Spirit reveal? _____

Day 2. Rooted in Christ

Verse: Colossians 2:6-7

Reflection: Paul reminds the Colossians that even though he isn't with them, they're united with him in one Spirit — what happens to them matters to him. And then he tells them plainly: Stay rooted in Christ. Because every one of us is rooted in something. If anything holds greater value in your life than God, it's idolatry — even good things like football, relationships, or comfort.

So today, ask yourself:
What am I rooted in?
Am I living alive in Christ?
Christ has already given you victory. Live like it.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read Colossians 2:6–7 slowly.
2. Read it again and notice what word or phrase stands out about being rooted.
3. Why does this word matter? _____

What does it reveal about what you're actually rooted in? _____

4. Connect it to Jeremiah 17:7–8. How does a rooted life look steady, nourished, and unshaken. _____

5. Sit quietly for 30 seconds and ask the Holy Spirit to show you where your roots truly are.

6. What did He reveal about your foundation, your habits, or your heart posture? _____

Personal Inventory:

Are your roots in Christ — or in approval, fear, performance, relationships, or comfort?

Prayer Focus: Ask God to uproot anything unhealthy and plant you firmly in Christ.

Action Step: Choose one area of life where you've been rooted in the world's system and surrender it to Jesus today. _____

Day 3. Overflowing with Gratitude

Verse: Colossians 2:7

Paul calls us to be overflowing with gratitude. Gratitude is the posture of someone who knows they're alive in Christ. Someone who reads Galatians 2:20 and doesn't stop at "I no longer live," but declares with joy, "Christ lives in me — I live!"

A lack of gratitude is an attitude of defeat. It blinds you to blessings and steals your joy. And when defeat reigns, Christ's victory doesn't.

But gratitude? Gratitude wakes you up. Gratitude roots you in Christ. Gratitude reminds you that the King of Glory lives in you — not the loser who wants to infect your life with his loser attitude.

So today, ask yourself:
Am I truly grateful?

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read Colossians 2:7 slowly and let the phrase "overflowing with gratitude" settle in your heart.
2. Read it again and spotlight the word or phrase that stands out about gratitude and spiritual aliveness. _____

3. Ask: Why does this word matter? _____

What does it reveal about whether I'm living alive in Christ or living defeated? _____

4. Connect it to Galatians 2:20. How does gratitude change the way you read, "*Christ lives in me — I live!*" _____

5. Sit quietly for 30 seconds and ask the Holy Spirit to show you where gratitude is present in your life — and where defeat has tried to take over.

6. Reflect: What did He reveal about your attitude, your joy, and your spiritual posture? _____

Personal Inventory:

Where has ingratitude crept in? _____

Where have you been living defeated instead of thankful? _____

Prayer Focus: Ask God to restore joy, thankfulness, and spiritual aliveness.

Action Step: Write down **three things** you're grateful for today — and tell God why.

Day 4. No Fluff: Jesus Alone

Verse: Colossians 2:8

Paul gives a clear warning in Colossians 2:8: Don't get captured by anything that isn't Christ. Don't let human traditions, spiritual trends, or "deep" ideas pull you away from the simplicity and power of the gospel. That's fluff — and fluff is dangerous.

A Fluff Factory is someone who adds unnecessary extras to their faith. It's like wrapping a gift in layers of fancy paper and bows. It looks impressive, but none of it is the gift.

Christ is the gift. Everything else is fluff.

Baal worship was fluff. The Baal worshippers didn't tell Israel to stop worshiping Yahweh — they said, "Worship both." Just add a little extra. Just mix in one more thing. And within a generation, Israel wasn't worshiping Yahweh at all. They spiraled into darkness because fluff always leads you away from the truth.

That's how the enemy works. He doesn't start by telling you to abandon God. He starts by adding one thing... or removing one thing... just a little fluff. And once you let fluff in, it grows.

So today, let Paul's warning hit home:

Don't get captured. Don't get distracted. Don't become a Fluff Factory.

Christ alone is the gift.

Everything else is fluff.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read Colossians 2:8 slowly and let Paul's warning sink in: *Don't be taken captive by anything not rooted in Christ.*
2. Read it again and spotlight the word or phrase that stands out. _____
3. Now read Exodus 32:4 and notice how Israel created "spiritual fluff" — something shiny, impressive, and completely man-made.
4. Ask: What does this reveal about how easily God's people replace the real gift with something they created themselves?
5. Sit quietly for 30 seconds and ask the Holy Spirit to show you where "golden calf fluff" tries to sneak into your own faith — additions, distractions, compromises.
6. Reflect: What did He reveal about what competes with Christ in your life? What "calves" need to be torn down? _____

Personal Inventory:

Where have you added fluff? Traditions? Rituals? Astrology? Angel numbers? Self-made religion? _____

Prayer Focus: Ask God to break down every wall of religion, tradition, or spiritual mix-ins.

Action Step: Name one “Fluff” item you can remove from your life today? _____

Day 5. Complete in Christ

Verse: Colossians 2:9-10

Paul warns the Colossians in 2:8 because they were adding Greek philosophy, angel worship, and spiritual trends onto Christianity. Jesus wasn't enough for them — they wanted Jesus plus something else. That's fluff. And fluff is dangerous.

We still see it today. When doing mission work in Cambodia, people loved hearing about Jesus. They wanted to worship Him... but they also wanted to keep their ancestor-spirit houses, their festivals, their sacrifices. They wanted Jesus plus their traditions. And we had to tell them, "No." Because Jesus + anything else is fluff.

And before we laugh at that, look around. How many people claim Christ but still check horoscopes? Worry about their zodiac sign? Follow angel numbers? Maybe that's you. Maybe it's not overt — but the principle is the same. Anything you worship, trust, or prioritize alongside Christ is fluff.

This journey ends in Revelation, where the Anti-Christ shows up and does the same thing Baal worshippers did: he doesn't tell people to stop believing — he just tells them to add him in. And many will fall for it. Jesus + the Anti-Christ. Jesus + deception. Jesus + fluff.

So how do we fight it now?

John 3:30.

He must increase, but I must decrease.

Break your tradition. Break your additions. Break your spiritual decorations. Break anything you've added to Jesus or anything you've subtracted from His truth. Clothes, culture, comfort, prosperity gospel, hypergrace — all fluff.

There's a song we sing: *"Break down the walls of all my religion."*

That's Colossians 2. That's Paul's warning. That's the call.

So here's the question:

Do you really believe Jesus' way is better? Or do you believe your way + Jesus' way is better?

Because only one of those makes you complete in Christ.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read Colossians 2:8 slowly and let Paul's warning settle: *Don't be taken captive by anything not according to Christ.*
2. Read it again and spotlight the word or phrase that hits you — "captive," "empty deceit," "human tradition," "not according to Christ." _____

3. Now read John 3:30: *He must increase, but I must decrease.* Let that verse confront every place where you've added fluff to your faith.

Ask: What have I added to Jesus? What traditions, beliefs, or spiritual extras compete with Him? _____

4. Sit quietly for 30 seconds and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any “Jesus + something else” in your life — anything that tries to increase while Christ decreases.

Reflect: What did He show you about being complete in Christ, not Christ plus culture, Christ plus tradition, Christ plus superstition? _____

Personal Inventory:

What have you added or subtracted from the Truth (Prosperity Gospel, Hypergrace) _____

Prayer Focus: Ask God to help you rest in the finished work of Christ.

Action Step: How can you replace what you have added or subtracted from the truth with worship in truth? _____

Day 6. A New Identity

Verse: Colossians 2:11-14

Paul asks us a question without softening it: Do you really believe Jesus' way is better?

Or do you believe your way + Jesus' way is better?

Let's leave that sitting in your heart for a moment.

Because Colossians 2:13–14 tells you exactly who you are now — a person made alive in Christ, forgiven, washed clean, and set free. Your old identity, your old sins, your old traditions, your old spiritual habits — all of it was nailed to the cross. Every bit of it. Jesus didn't leave anything for you to "add on." He didn't leave anything unfinished. He didn't leave any space for fluff.

You were dead.

He made you alive.

You were guilty.

He canceled the record.

You were chained.

He broke every link.

So why do we still try to mix our way with His way? Why do we cling to traditions, habits, beliefs, and spiritual extras that He already nailed to the cross? Why do we act like we need Jesus plus something else to feel secure, spiritual, or complete?

Paul is saying: You are complete in Christ.

Not complete in Christ + your comfort.

Not complete in Christ + your horoscope.

Not complete in Christ + your traditions.

Not complete in Christ + your opinions.

Just Christ.

So today, let the question confront you again:

Do you really, fully, completely believe Jesus' way is better?

Or are you still trying to live with Jesus' way + your way?

Because only one of those identities is actually alive.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read Colossians 2:13–14 slowly. Let the truth settle: *from dead to alive, from guilty to forgiven, from record to canceled.*
2. Ask: Do I truly believe Jesus' way is better, or am I still living Jesus' way + my way? _____
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any part of your old identity you're still carrying — anything He already nailed to the cross. _____

4. Reflect: Read John 3:30. What needs to decrease so Christ can increase?

Personal Inventory:

What worldly identities have tried to define you? Horoscopes? Personality labels? Past failures? _____

Prayer Focus: Ask God to rewrite your identity according to His truth.

Action Step: What is one false identity you choose to reject today? _____

How can you replace it with scripture? _____

Day 7. Full surrender

Verse: 2:16-23

Paul says in Colossians 2:16–23: don't let anyone judge you over what you eat, drink, or how you observe days. These things are shadows—Christ is the substance. We love shadows. We love extras. We love “spiritual upgrades” that make us look more serious than other Christians—extra fasts, special diets, Saturday worship, strict rules. But Paul is clear: when you use those things to feel *better* than other believers, you've wandered into self-righteousness. It's easier to look holy than to actually live holy. He asks: If you died with Christ, why do you live like you still belong to this world's rules? Why chase human regulations—“Don't handle, don't taste, don't touch”—as if they define your spirituality? They look wise, but they have zero power to change your heart. You are not defined by food, drink, clothes, calendars, or harsh treatment of your body. You are defined by Christ. You don't need fluff to prove you're spiritual. You need surrender.

So today, be honest:

Where am I trying to look better instead of actually obeying Jesus?

What “extra” rules or traditions make me feel superior to other believers?

What fluff needs to go so Christ can truly be first?

You're not a teddy bear Christian.

Take the fluff out.

Live like someone who really died with Christ—and now lives under His way alone.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read Colossians 2:16–23 slowly. Let Paul's warning settle: *Don't let anyone judge you by shadows. Christ is the substance.*
2. Read it again and choose one word that confronts you — “judge,” “shadow,” “self-made religion,” or “no value.” _____
3. Sit with this truth: It's easier to look holy than to live holy.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to expose any “extra” rules, traditions, or spiritual habits you use to feel superior — anything that looks wise but has no power to change your heart.

5. Read Exodus 34:14 and let it cut through the fluff: *Yahweh is a jealous God.*

6. Reflect: What needs to be surrendered so Christ alone defines you — not food, calendars, rules, or self-made religion? _____

Personal Inventory:

Where have you resisted surrender? Thoughts? Habits? Relationships? Ambitions?

Prayer Focus: Ask God to take every area where you've held back.

Action Step: Bring one area of resistance to God today — confess it, surrender it, and obey Him in it.

What area of resistance are you bringing to Him? _____

How will you surrender and obey Him in it? _____
