

## *Discussion Questions for Life Groups*

Read Col. 2:6-15, and then review the main points of the sermon outline.

- (When you were dead in your sins)** Read Col. 2:9 and 2:13-14. As wonderful as it is to know that in Christ is the very fullness of God in bodily form, we have to realize that not everyone has responded in faith to Jesus Christ. If you have not made that commitment to Christ, what stands in your way? If you have given your allegiance to Christ, put your faith in him, then what did you write on page 47 of the *Experiencing Christ Study Guide* (My Response) as the "when, why, and how" you received Christ Jesus?
- (Live in him)** Read Col. 2:6-7. No matter how long you have been a Christian, you have a responsibility to "continue to live in him" (Col. 2:6) and also to be "built up in him" (Col. 2:7). What kind of game plan do you have for making that so? Please be specific and include both individual and group settings.
- (Hollow philosophy)** Read Col. 2:8. In America the most common idea is that we may each live our lives in whatever manner pleases us. We can, this view says, believe what we wish. Some common ways of dealing with life would include reading astrology predictions, studying magic or evil spirits, visiting psychics, using crystals to focus energy, or even taking part in worship of the earth. What do you think about those ideas?
- (Fullness of God in bodily form)** Read Col. 2:9-10. Christ is not only Lord of The universe, but also Lord over every aspect of bodily, human life. He is the unique God-man. How does knowing his supremacy and his all-sufficiency impact the way we feel about him and the way we seek happiness in life?
- (Buried and Raised)** Read Col. 2:11-12. Recently we have seen some of our fellow believers undertake public baptism to demonstrate their faith in Christ. Have you taken that public step? If not, why not? And consider what these verses say about our being raised with Christ. How does that empower us to continue to walk "in him"?
- (Forgiven!)** Read Col. 2:13. So, as Christians we have been forgiven for all our sins. But do you believe it? If you do, then have you forgiven yourself and others? By that standard of forgiveness, where are you in the process of accepting the forgiveness Christ has already won for you? If he has cancelled the entire debt of sin, why are you still trying to work it off?
- (Triumph in death!)** Read Col. 2:14-15. Christ did not say that sin is okay. Christ did not say that sin doesn't deserve death. He did not say that sin can be forgiven without any consequences. What Christ **did** say, was that he went to the cross to die for our

sins. And then he rose to provide us the power to live for him. Now it's our turn to talk—what do **we** have to say in response to all that Christ has done?

### *Enrichment Study for Life Groups*

Romans 6:11-12 We must use the victory Christ has won!

Romans 6:13-14 We must not live as we did before trusting Christ.

Ephesians 3:16-19 Christ is the fullness of God!

### *Heads-Up for Next Sunday*

**The Reality of Christ vs. Religion      Col. 2:16-3:4**  
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