



The Great Life
Colossians 2:6-15
Series, *Jesus: Supreme and Sufficient* (Colossians), #5
October 30, 2022
Pastor Lyle L. Wahl

Theme: **God offers every believer a great life.**

The challenge of commitment.

1. Positively: Live by faith. (6)
2. Negatively: Don't be taken captive. (8)

The provision of grace.

1. God's gift. (7)
2. Your response. (7)

The guarantee of Christ.

1. Christ is all. (9-10)
4. Christ is all you need. (10-15)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read 2:6-15. These verses get to the heart of Paul's message. Review the twofold challenge of commitment: live by faith (6) and don't be taken captive (8). couple these two verses with two other verses, Romans 12:1-2. Write them out and place them where you will read them each day this week—reading not only to know this truth, but to live by it.

Tuesday. Read 2:6-7, focusing on verse 7. "Having been firmly rooted" in Christ pictures God's grace in action when you received Christ. Now being built up and established in Christ is God's grace continually in action as you "walk in Him." Notice Paul's phrase "as you were instructed." This refers to true teaching—for us, God's Word. God's Word is essential for you to grow and have stability. Keep at it! Keep living its truth!

Wednesday. At the end of verse 7 Paul tells us we should be "overflowing with gratitude" to God for His grace. Throughout the day thank God for His grace that rooted you firmly and which continues to build you up. Make today a *Thanksgiving Day*.

Thursday. God's guarantee of a *Great Life* is wrapped up in Jesus Christ. Jesus who is all the fulness of God (9), Jesus who is all that you need (11-12). If you are troubled by your past, feel inferior because you may not know as much as some other Christians, think there are some hurdles of knowledge or experience you can't clear, or don't see how you can glorify God by serving Him, review verses 11-15 noting that you and every other Christian are included here. All of us are equal in this regard. Thank God that in Christ you have new life and a new identity (11-12), that He guarantees victory for you (13-15), and has made you complete (10).

Friday/Saturday. On Sunday we plan to continue on in Colossians with 2:16-23. Read these verses as you prepare for our time together.