

Staying the Course: Broken Gauges

Colossians 2:6-15

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Colossians 2:6-15: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self-ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ,¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ with broken gauges

_____ : My people have done two evils! First, they have forsaken me the fountain of living water. Secondly, they have dug for themselves cracked reservoirs which cannot hold water. They are empty and dry!
Jeremiah 2:13 (JOT)

_____ : Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.
Colossians 2:8 (NLT)

2. _____ to God's Positioning System

_____ through forgiveness: Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross. He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their shame authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.
Colossians 2:14-15 (MSG)

_____ of new life: In Christ, everyone has received a spiritual circumcision which separated the dead body of human sin from their life. Actually, you buried this old person with Jesus in baptism, so that you are raised with Christ through faith, experiencing the same power of God that resurrected Jesus! Rather than "dead reckoning" you are doing "alive reckoning!"
Colossians 2:11b-12 (JOT)

_____ on the beacon: Since you have received Jesus as Lord and Savior walk in his light by being rooted and built up in him! Confirm your faith through a teachable spirit, then you will be overwhelmed with thankfulness!
Colossians 2:6-7 (JOT)

3. _____ our direction

_____ your hope: But whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty. The water I give will become a spring of water gushing up inside that person, giving eternal life."
John 4:14 (TLB)

Spiritual Action Step:

Do you feel empty and drained? Are you being consumed by the things that are only leading you to despair? Are you thirsting for something more? Jesus said: "God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil." (John 3:19 (NLT)) Ask for God's help to seek the light of Christ rather than the darkness of self-will. Only God can quench your thirst. God wants to fill the emptiness and give you a gushing spring of living water leading you to eternal life! You have to decide to accept God's love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ and let God share his resurrection power with you. This week make a commitment by signing up for a small group or commit to do the study with your family.