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“Made Alive to Walk”

Colossians 2:6-15

1. Walk with your feet on the **GROUND** vv. 6-7

(cf. Eph. 3:17-19; 4:1-3; 5:1-10; 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 1:21).

2. Walk with your eyes **OPEN**, v. 8

(cf. Col. 2:20; Gal. 4:9; Eph. 5:15-16; Phil. 3:2-3, 17-19; Heb. 3:12).

3. Walk in grateful **VICTORY**, vv. 11-14

(cf. Col. 3:17, 4:2; Rom. 6:1-14; 8:31-39; Eph. 2:1-16; 4:17-24).

Because in Christ...

- a. Your old life is **DEAD**.
- b. You have been made **ALIVE**.

Family Time:

Discuss of a time when you saw a victory parade or celebration.

What were they celebrating? For what/whom were they thankful? In Col. 1:6, Paul notes that a characteristic of people walking with Jesus is that they are “abounding in thanksgiving” because through faith in Christ, they join Him in His life and victory (vv. 13, 15). Plan a creative way to celebrate and give thanks for your life in Christ and the victory you have in Him over sin, death, and Satan.

Check out the growing list of tools and resources available ONLINE here: <https://bit.ly/2WwQ4Tz>

For Further Study, Thought, and Discussion:

1. What comes to mind when you hear the words “rooted,” “built up” and “established?” With those images in mind, what does Paul mean in v. 6 when he says to be walking in Christ like that, especially in light of the current COVID-19 crisis? What would be the opposite of walking in Christ like that?
2. Paul uses the imagery of circumcision and baptism in vv. 11-13. In Paul’s use, how are they similar? What do they symbolize? What must be “put off” (v. 11) or “buried” (v. 12) in order to have new life in Christ? Who does that work and how?
3. In v. 8, Paul says to “See to it that no one takes you captive” by false teachings that question the sufficiency of Jesus for salvation and wisdom, etc. What are some false teachings to look out for in our day that tempt us to view Jesus as insufficient? In other words, that teach “Jesus + _____ = enough.”
4. Would you ever wear or decorate your home with the symbol of an electric chair? Why not? The cross was a 1st century tool of execution and torture, and yet we put crosses on our homes, cars, and we even wear it as jewelry. Why do we do that? Can you imagine why people might think we’re weird? What is the amazing irony of the cross, considering vv. 13-15?
5. Satan attempts to discourage those who walk with Christ by accusing and condemning us (Rev. 12:10). Read Col. 2:13-14 again. Ask God to reveal sins in your life and write them down on a piece of paper. Ask Jesus for forgiveness, and then take that paper and nail it to a piece of wood, symbolizing that the record of your sin has been cancelled. Give Him thanks for the victory in Christ!

NEXT WEEK: Colossians 2:16-23