



CrossWalk NOTES

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The Champion of Freedom

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⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. (Colossians 2:6-17, NIV)

Things that captivate my heart and mind:

What captivates my heart and mind will ultimately captivate my _____.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18, NIV)

He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. (Colossians 2:19, NIV)

1. Jesus wants me to _____ in the freedom he gives.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19, NIV)

In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12, NIV)

2. Jesus wants me to know the _____ of the freedom he gives.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)

3. Jesus wants me to _____ in the freedom he gives.

My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Examine your heart and mind and ask: What is captivating me and robbing me of my true freedom in Christ?
- Jesus Christ is all you need. Find rest and peace this week in the truth that you already have all that you need.
- Meditate on and memorize Colossians 2:13-14.