

Keeping First Things First
Week 10: Accepting the Charge

Sunday, July 9, 2023

1. Call to _____.

"See 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."

Colossians 2:8 (NIV)

From Week 1:

A. See to it: Be on the lookout.

B. Takes you captive: Carry off your treasure.

C. Hollow and deceptive Philosophies:

* Empty seductions (deceit) Senses involved

* Fondness for wisdom

D. Human Tradition (Tradition of Men): What people pass on.

2. _____ for Responsibility.

A. What Jesus _____.

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,¹⁰ and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority."

Colossians 2:9-10 (NIV)

***You HAVE BEEN given fullness in Christ!!!**

B. The _____.

"In 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."

Colossians 2:11 (NIV)

* **B** _____.

"The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time."

Genesis 6:5 (NIV)

A _____.

"We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin."

Romans 6:6-7 (NLT)

"...but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace."

Romans 8:6b (NIV)

C. The _____.

"...having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead."

Colossians 2:12 (NIV)

2. Freed from P _____.

"When 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,¹⁴ having 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.¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV)

A. Code of Merit _____ Destroyed.

"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

B. Charter of _____ Remains.

* **Tied to the _____ of Jesus.**

"Anyone who says he is a Christian should live as Christ did."

1 John 2:6 (TLB)

Action Step _____
