

**"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan****COLOSSIANS 2****Colossians 2**

In the last chapter, I introduced you to the Book of Colossians.

Today, I want to at least introduce to you a couple of the major passages in Colossians One before moving to chapter two, which is today's reading. **"...giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."** (Colossians 1:12-14) He prays for each of the Colossian believers that they would realize who they are in Jesus and what He has done for them. They have been qualified...They did not qualify to be part of the family of God. God graced us and delivered us from the power of the kingdom characterized by darkness and hate, then transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son by redeeming us through His shed blood and granting us forgiveness we could never have otherwise! Amen! Praise God! WOW!

Paul goes on to say in the following verses that the Colossian believers and each of us belong to and are subjects of this Kingdom and King, who is the very image of the One who is invisible. He is the one who created everything (See John 1:1-14, 18). Furthermore,

everything that has been created, whether on earth or in heaven, whether tangible or intangible, everything is subject to Him. He is Sovereign! He rules! He is the Head of His body, the church. He is the Preeminent One! You and I are complete in Him. In Jesus dwells all of the GODHEAD in bodily form. That is all you and I will ever see of God is Jesus!

In chapter two, Paul begins to combat various heresies within the body at Colosse. He makes it clear that there is no ritual, no secret knowledge, no work, like circumcision, baptism, or anything else that can make us right with God or can keep us right with God. It is all about Jesus and our trust in Him.

**"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."** (Colossians 2:6-7) Read it again! In the same way you have received Christ Jesus...How did you receive Him? By repentance through faith/trust. Then walk in Him the same way. You were not placed into the Kingdom of His beloved Son by works you have done but by faith! So that is the way you grow and honor Him. Read the Words of God. Trust and obey the Words of God, and you will grow.

**Prayer and Action Steps**

**"When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. Amen**

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